October 3, 1955

Mr. L. E. Thomas
1035 N. W. Second Avenue
Miami 36, Florida

Dear Mr. Thomas:

You turned them upside down and shook their pockets so successfully that even some extra fell down! And the letter came in before the end of the fiscal year.

We are deeply grateful for your efforts and for the kindness and consideration of your many friends.

We are sending an official receipt to each of those who made contributions to you along with a letter, copy attached.

It is just this kind of shared money raising which does the Council and the South the most good.

With warmest appreciation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/oab
Encls:
Official Receipt $107
cc: ltr to each contributor

October 3, 1955

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

My brother, Broadus, in New Jersey is active in the American Civil Liberties Union. Recently Carl Braden appeared before that group at Newark, New Jersey. If you could give me some condensed report on what actually happened up there, I would be grateful. I know you and I have discussed the matter before.

I don't want any great long account, but If you could write me a paragraph that reflects your appraisal of the whole matter, I would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 3, 1955

Dr. W. A. Patterson, Jr.
528 N. W. Fourteenth St.
Miami, Florida

Dear Dr. Patterson:

Mr. L. E. Thomas kindly sent us on your most welcome contribution to the Southern Regional Council. Here is our official receipt for it.

Contributions to the Southern Regional Council are tax-exempt. We will see to it that our small magazine, New South, reaches you for a year.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC official receipt $25.00

cc: Mr. L. E. Thomas

Original of this letter also sent to:

Dr. W. A. Patterson, Sr. - $2.00
Dr. Aubrey W. Henry - $5.00
Dr. H. H. Green - $10.00
Dr. R. H. Portier - $15.00
Dr. George W. Styles - $10.00
Dr. G. W. Hawkins - $5.00
Atty. Henry Arrington - $20.00
Atty. John D. Johnson - $10.00

October 3, 1955

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o the Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

We are deeply grateful for that whole solid $100.

Come to see us and let us rejoice together on the fiscal success of the closing year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC Official receipt

October 3, 1955

Miss Florence Sherman
The Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation
c/o Mrs. H. M. Silverman
1016 Larchmont Crescent
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Miss Sherman:

How very kind of the Women's Council to arrange for luncheon on Friday, November 11th at 12:30 at the YWCA.

I will surely be there; and we all ought to have a good time together.

When I am in town or at the edge of town, I will call Mrs. Silverman at MA 29974.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. Silverman

October 3, 1955

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harry:

A hundred is a great thudding amount. And the Southern Regional Council is increasingly appreciative of your putting it in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - $100 SRC official receipt.

October 3, 1955

Mr. A. S. Turnipseed
251 Island Court
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

I must say I had little heart in sending out the follow-ups on the action of the Executive Committee about the hundred dollars, but it was a blanket action, and I had no power to temper the wind! But of course we all realized that some of us just couldn't. On the other hand, some could have when I daresay they wouldn't have without the request of the Committee.

The Board of Directors meets this year at Dorothy Hall at Tuskegee Institute all day Wednesday, November 9th. We all greatly hope that you will come and take part.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 3, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

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Of the $13,000, $5,000 is payable for the basic salary of an executive director; $5,000 for the basic salary of an associate director; and $2,500 for secretarial help. Which is to say that $12,500 is committed to salaries. Of the remaining $500, approximately half must cover social security, bonding, and required insurance. Thus we can supply to you toward local operating expenses in this fiscal year only $250.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

FBR
GSM/eab

cc: FBR
CHP
RA

October 3, 1955

Mr. P. F. O'Brien
Commercial National Bank Building
P. O. Box 1152
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Your letter requesting information concerning Mr. Borgese has been referred to me.

The only information concerning Mr. Borgese that we have been able to find is in Who's Who in America. This information is as follows:

> BORGESE, G(iuseppe) A(ntonio), author, univ. prof.; b. Polizzi Generosa (Palermo) Nov. 12, 1882; s. Antonio and Rosa (Di Martino) B.; Ph.D., U. of Florence, 1903; m. Maria Freschi, 1908; children--Leonardo, Giovanna; m. 2d, Elisabeth V. Mann, Nov. 23, 1939; children--Angelica, Dominica. Came to United States, 1931, naturalized, 1938. Prof. German literature, University of Rome, 1910-17, University of Milan, 1917-25; professor of aesthetics and history of criticism, University of Milan, 1926-31; head of Press and Propaganda Bur. during Orlando's Premiership, 1917-18; organized Congress and Pact of Rome among nations of Hapsburg Monarch, Apr. 1918; head of Italian delegation to Inter-allied Conf., London, Aug. 1918; leader of democratic opinion in Itàly for League of Nations and New Europe; opposed Nationalism and Fascism; left Italy, 1931; refused Fascist oath; visiting prof. of Italian culture, U. of Calif., 1931; lecturer at the New School for Social Research, N.Y. City, 1932; Neilson prof. of comparative literature, Smith Coll., 1932-35; prof. of Italian and comparative literature, 1935-36; prof. of Italian literature U. of Chicago, since 1936; visiting professor, Political Science, U. of Chicago, of Puerto Rico, 1943. Decorated medal for military valor, etc. Honorary men. Phi Beta Kappa; fellow American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Club: Quadrange (Chicago). Author: Poesie, Rube (English transl.,1923) and many other books of poetry, fiction, criticism, history, philosophy, and politics pub. in Italy; On Dante Criticism, 1936; Goliath, the March of Fascism (first book in English), 1937; The City of Man (in collaboration), 1940; Common Cause, 1943. Contbr. articles Ency. of the Social Sciences Ency. Britannica, Saturday Review of Literature, Speculum, Atlantic Monthly, The Nation, Am. Scholar, Life, etc. Home: 5124 Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

As far as we can determine, Mr. Borgese has no authority to speak for the Negro Race.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys

October 4, 1955

Mr. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

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Executive Director

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October 4, 1955

Mr. Fred Darragh
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

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October 4, 1955

Mr. Paul Finner
930 West Park
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Finner:

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October 4, 1955

Mr. G. E. Clary
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clary:

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October 4, 1955

Mr. Albert D'Orlando
First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. D'Orlando:

The Fund for the Republic has approved a grant to the Southern Regional Council for the second fiscal year, October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956. The total grant for this second period is $150,000, of which we regard $25,000 as available for the central office in Atlanta. We will carry through on the commitment in Memo #1 to provide for your state $10,500. In addition to that, as notified to you in Fred Routh's letter of June 15, 1955, we can cover an extra $2,500 (by carry-over from last year's money) to enable the employment of an associate director on a full-time basis. The two sums together are $13,000.

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 4, 1955

Mr. W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

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October 4, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

The Fund for the Republic has approved a grant to the Southern Regional Council for the second fiscal year, October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956. The total grant for this second period is $150,000, of which we regard $25,000 as available for the central office in Atlanta. We will carry through on the commitment in Memo #1 to provide for your state $10,500. In addition to that, as notified to you in Fred Routh's letter of June 15, 1955, we can cover an extra $2,500 (by carry-over from last year's money) to enable the employment of an associate director on a full-time basis. The two sums together are $13,000.

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Executive Director

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October 4, 1955

Mr. J. Claude Evans
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Evans:

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Executive Director

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October 4, 1955

Mrs. Margaret Nolte
1309 Dale Drive
Silver Springs, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Nolte:

Better luck next time. Of course I would have been glad to go, but generally speaking I agree with the wisdom of using local people to get things done.

I will remember about you and Mr. Nolte and our hope for a chance to have lunch again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 4, 1955

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harry:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. $100 SRC official receipt

October 4, 1955

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
Route 1
Lewisburg, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Tillman:

We think $25.00 is a whole lot of money, and we are exceedingly grateful to you for sending it in.

The Board meets November 9th, and we greatly hope that you will be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated 10/3/55)

Encl. SRC official receipt.

October 4, 1955

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Journal & Guide
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

Deadlines don't matter a lot; we will be needful and delighted whenever you can fetch together whatever contribution you can.

I send you up, separately, twenty leaflets.

You will, of course, have some conflict with the efforts of the Virginia Council on Human Relations to raise money also. All I know to do is to explain that it is necessary to keep going some central organization too.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: GSA
RA

October 4, 1955

Mr. Hodding Carter
The Delta Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

'Tis an unwelcome task to ask good eggs to dig in and find money for the Council. Made the easier when somebody does come along and help in the very kind way that you did.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated October 3rd)

Encl. SRC Official Receipt $50.00

October 4, 1955
(Dictated October 3rd)

HCF:

When I saw Miss Theis, I reached the conclusion that it would be helpful on the occasion of Miss Irving's visit to the Librarian at Duke for her to seek out, possibly by appointment, Dr. Wilburt Davison, Head of the Duke Hospital. He is a member of the Board of the Doris Duke Foundation. And in Southern matters a most influential one.

It would probably assist our application if he had that much contact with the work underway. Will you be careful to try to arrange this when Miss Irving goes up to Duke.

GSM/eab

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October 4, 1955

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches
of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Oscar Lee:

I was to give you an up-to-date list of our state executive directors and their addresses and the names of their organizations. Here it is!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 4, 1955

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Oscar:

The man, Menefee, whose name I recommended to you is Robert Menefee. A couple of years ago he was teaching sociology or government, I forget which, at Berea. He roamed around the Appalachian mountains for us and produced the enclosed. Is now believed to be at the University of Wisconsin taking graduate work. Is about thirty years old, tall, nice-looking, and has a judicious and balanced mind. Comes originally from Ashland, Kentucky.

We think exceedingly highly of him, and would gladly use him in any capacity we could hook him for.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. New South, October, 1954

(Dictated October 3rd)

October 4, 1955

Mrs. Broadus Mitchell
49 Barrow Street
New York, New York

Dear Louise:

Warm thanks for supper and company and conversation.

Tell Broadus I will find out about his friend from Knoxville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 4, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Squire
University of Delaware
Newark, Delaware

Dear Folks:

The warmest thanks for supper, transportation, company and conversation, and a lot of fun.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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October 4, 1955

Mr. W. H. Perry
2320 West Chestnut St.
Louisville, Kentucky

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Other state organizations are committed to a $5,000 salary for an executive director; $5,000 for an associate director, and $2,500 for secretarial help. In other words, of the $13,000, $12,500 is committed to salaries. Of the remaining $500, part will be spent for social security, cost of bonding, and required insurance. Our best estimate at this time for these costs is approximately $250 per state.

In the case of Kentucky with its consultant program, we would expect your state organization to spend approximately $13,000 for the salaries of your executive director, the consultants, and secretarial help.

This means,then, that you have approximately $250 toward local expenditures such as rent, office supplies, communications, etc.

Obviously, this means increased effort on the part of your state organization to raise funds to underwrite an adequate program. This calls for an effective finance committee in each state.

The minimum amount each state organization must raise during this fiscal year if $3,500. This amount must be raised, or the central office cannot provide financial assistance for the third grant period.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please write to me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

FBR/GSM:eab

cc: FBR
CHP
RA

October 4, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

The Fund for the Republic has approved a grant to the Southern Regional Council for the second fiscal year, October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956. The total grant for this second period is $150,000, of which we regard $25,000 as available for the central office in Atlanta. We will carry through on the commitment in Memo #1 to provide for your state $10,500. In addition to that, as notified to you in Fred Routh's letter of June 15, 1955, we can cover an extra $2,500 (by carry-over from last year's money) to enable the employment of an associate director on a full-time basis. The two sums together are $13,000.

Other state organizations are committed to a $5,000 salary for an executive director, $5,000 for an associate director, and $2,500 for secretarial help. Thus, of the $13,000, $12,500 is committed to salaries. Of the remaining $500, part will be spent for social security, cost of bonding, and required insurance. Our best estimate at this time for these costs is approximately $250 per state.

In the case of Tennessee with its consultant program, we would expect your state organization to spend approximately $13,000 for the salaries of your office manager, the consultants, and secretarial help.

This means, then, that you have approximately $250 toward local expenditures such as rent, office supplies, communications, etc.

Obviously, this means a vastly increased effort on the part of your state organization to raise funds to underwrite an adequate program. This calls for an effective finance committee in each state.

The minimum amount each state organization must raise during this fiscal year is $3,500. This amount must be raised, or the central office cannot provide financial assistance for the third grant period.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please write to me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

October 5, 1955

Miss Katharine Dupre Lumpkin
54 Prospect Street
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Lumpkin:

I have been out on a trip, and came back to find that your letter to Mrs. Hamilton had gone quickly on to her.

We are all delighted that you are coming here. My calendar puts me in Atlanta from November 13th forward for a number of days anyway. The Council's office will be delighted to see you here, and so would I here or for a more leisurely visit at home in Druid Hills.

I send you for a bonus some back issues of New South!

I think nothing is as enjoyable as talking about one's field of interest with people sensitive to all the little meanings.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 5, 1955

Mr. Ray Farabee
Student Government Affairs
U. S. National Student Association
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Farabee:

Your girl at Agnes Scott has not called us about your coming visit October 19th and 20th. According to my calendar I am in town both those days, and would love to see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 5, 1955

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Department of Sociology
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O. D. :

A spick and span conscience ought to let you sleep well at night. You are a faithful Board member! I thought what would happen would be that the six that came in and the two, and another two perhaps, would be the crop. But you went on and made it all up to the large round sum of $100. I can't tell you how grateful we are. We are strengthened by your generosity and devotion. By all means as soon as more contributions can be found use them to make up your own too heavy lump in the hundred.

The Nominating Committee for membership on the Board meets next Saturday. I don't know what they will do, but I hope they will put you right back on the Board.

Do come to Tuskegee. You will have a good time there, and I think you will consider it worth the effort.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $80.00

October 5, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

There is a man in Greenville named James H. Witherspoon of 121 Croft Street who, I hear, is interested in our sort of thing. If you have some device for cultivating him, you might try it.

White man with experience in the textile industry. Said to have strong sentiments on behalf of people's rights.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 5, 1955

FBR:

Please draft a reply for my signature.

I do not recognize the doctrine that they have got $1,000 "left" to draw on.

GSM/eab
Encl. Ltr from F. Woods Beckman
dtd 9/26/55

October 5, 1955

Mr. Clifford Earle
The Board of Christian Education
of the Presbyterian Church in
the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Earle:

I was to send you a statement of my expenses in coming up to New York to the gathering.

It is attached.

I am grateful for the opportunity to spend time with that exceptionally effective group of people.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 5, 1955

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is the copy of the letter of Grant from the Fund for the Republic that should have been enclosed with the note mailed to you on October 3, 1955.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

October 5, 1955

Dear Miss Wilkins:

This is the copy of the letter of Grant from the Fund for the Republic that should have been enclosed with the note mailed to you on October 3, 1955.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

October 5, 1955

Dear Mr. Wesley:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

October 5, 1955

Dear Father Shean:

This is the copy of the letter of Grant from the Fund for the Republic that should have been enclosed with the note mailed to you on October 3, 1955.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

October 5, 1955

Dear Mr. Richardson:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

October 5, 1955

Dear Mr. Hancock:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

October 5, 1955

Dear Mr. Haas:

This is the copy of the letter of Grant from the Fund for the Republic that should have been enclosed with the note mailed to you on October 3, 1955.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Encl.

October 5, 1955

Dear Mr. Griffin:

This is the copy of the letter of Grant from the Fund for the Republic that should have been enclosed with the note mailed to you on October 3, 1955.

Sincerly,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

October 5, 1955

Dear Mr. Dent:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

October 5, 1955

Dear Mr. Clement:

This is the copy of the letter of Grant from the Fund for the Republic that should have been enclosed with the note mailed to you on October 3, 1955.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

October 5, 1955

Dear Mr. Christopher:

This is the copy of the letter of Grant from the Fund for the Republic that should have been enclosed with the note mailed to you on October 3, 1955.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

October 5, 1955

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

This is the copy of the letter of Grant from the Fund for the Republic that should have been enclosed with the note mailed to you on October 3, 1955.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Secretary - Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

October 5, 1955

AIR MAIL

The R. F. & P. Railway
Broad Street Station
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Sirs:

I am arriving in Richmond by plane Monday night, October 10th, and would like to ride your sleeper to New York that night. I think it leaves Richmond at 10:20 that night. If you have any lower berths, I prefer a lower, but if all you have are bedrooms, I will reach up and buy a bedroom.

If you haven't got space available, please put me on the waiting list and I will be at your ticket counter before 10:00 p.m., and beg for a bed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 5, 1955

Mr. Howard C. Morgan, Director of Forsenics
DEBATE - Box 409
Capital University
Columbus 9, Ohio

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Your letter requesting information has been referred to me.

I am certain that we have some material that will be of help to you in the discussion subject. I am sending you a copy of our publications list and a copy of a bibliography on education compiled by one of our staff members. Also included is a pamphlet concerning the Council's publication, "Changing Patterns in the New South," which you may find interesting. I also recommend the Council's pamphlet, "Answers for Action," which is listed in the publications list. The publications list does not refer to the July-August New South, which contains information concerning court decisions since the Supreme Court ruling of May 31, 1955, and a progress report of desegregation moves in the Southern and border states.

If any of this material will be of any aid to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

October 6, 1955

Miss Mary F. Bogue
1219-16th Street, West
Bradenton, Florida

Dear Miss Bogue:

I am very interested in your letter of October 2. However I have this suggestion to make. At your initial meeting, have only those you know to be interested. Together you will draw strength enough from like-minds, to be able in a larger meeting to help your wavering people. Those of your "wait-and-see", officials in your second meeting will be encouraged to take firmer stands and forward steps. When they find they have the support of people like you and others.

Miss Ella Ball has written me that you have the full notes on our Avon Park Workshop. It would be very helpful to me if you would let me have a copy of the notes you made. I think we did have a good workshop at Avon Park. It was quite satisfactory, especially to me.

With best regards for you and your planned meetings.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

MET/ys

October 6, 1955

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Marion:

It has been necessary for us to do some re-scheduling of my visits in the states to take care of some snags in the original schedule.

We are now proposing to make my visit to Virginia January 9-13, instead of January 2-6 as originally proposed.

Will you let me know as soon as possible if this will be satisfactory to you? I'm making every effort to stabilize a schedule which w~~h~~ill be as convenient as possible for all concerned.

Let me know, thanks.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/ys

October 6, 1955

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Vigo:

It has been necessary for us to do some re-scheduling of my visits in the states to take care of some snags in the original schedule.

We are now proposing to make my visit to Louisiana January 23-27, instead of January 16-20 as originally proposed.

Will you let me know as soon as possible if this will be satisfactory to you? I'm making every effort to stabilize a schedule which will be as convenient as possible for all concerned.

Let me know. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/ys

October 6, 1955

Mrs. Ruby Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

It has been necessary for us to do some re-scheduling of my visits in the states to take care of some snags in the original schedule.

We are now proposing to make my visit to Mississippi February 27-March 3, instead of January 23-27 as originally proposed.

Will you let me know as soon as possible if this will be satisfactory to you? I'm making every effort to stabilize a schedule which will be as convenient as possible for all concerned.

Let me know. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/ys

October 6, 1955

Mr. Jimmie Jones
A. F. of L.
1291 N. E. 145th Street
North Miami, Florida

Dear Jimmie:

I am coming down to Miami the night of October 21st, arriving at the airport around 9:00 p.m., and will need a bed to sleep in that night.

Available at your service bright and early Saturday morning the 22nd. They tell me that classes begin around 9:00 a.m. Anyway, I will get myself out to Coral Gables, which I know how to do, and be on the campus in plenty of time.

It scares me stiff to try to find a hotel room in Miami. Can't you use your inside knowledge and tie up one for me at an honest man's price. By that I mean around three, five, or six dollars a night, no more. I don't mind them grubby, but I can't stand them high. Once I stayed at a place called the Coronada and I think it was all right.

Anyhow, please write me that you have got a bed sewed up for me, and I will aim for it and sleep there that night. I will be at the meeting Saturday morning with my pink chalk.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 6, 1955

AIR MAIL

Miss Margaret Bender
Woman's Division of Christian Service
of the Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Bender:

I haven't forgotten that I am supposed to be at your service Tuesday, the 11th of October in New York.

I will fly to Richmond the night of the 10th and take the sleeper from Richmond to New York overnight the 10th and hit Penn Station at a quarter to eight daylight time. So certainly I can be anywhere you say bright and early.

Where do you want me?

I have booked a flight back leaving Newark Airport at 6:00 p.m. if that is all right, if not say so and I can change it. We both understand that I can only make this trip if you pay the modest expenses involved.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 6, 1955

Reverend Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building
Room 206, Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Reverend Hughes:

It has been necessary for us to do some re-scheduling of my visits in the states to take care of some snags in the original schedule.

We are now proposing to make my visit to ~~Mississippi~~ Alabama January 30-February 3, instead of February 6-10 as originally proposed.

Will you let me know as soon as possible if this will be satisfactory to you? I'm making every effort to stabilize a schedule which will be as convenience as possible for all concerned.

Let me know. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/ys

October 6, 1955

Mrs. Candler Tatum
2422 15th Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Tatum:

I regret the delay in getting together the Gleanings from your Birmingham meeting.

After you wrote that your notebook was lost, I began to gather material from some of your speakers, cut the stencils, ran them off, and will mail them out to you.

I failed to note our telephone bill in your letter and only now realized that we are due you this amount. Our books are being audited and you will receive a check in the next few days.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

MET/ys

October 6, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Enclosed is the correspondence with William Gordon and Nat Williams, which I have read with interest.

Gordon is managing editor of the Atlanta Daily World. Eager, personable, and alert. He was, as you wrote Freeman, a Nieman Fellow, and was well liked and respected during his year at Harvard. He was invited back twice by the Nieman secretariat for summer sessions with foreign journalists. He has some useful relations with people at the Harvard University Press and on various national magazines; the current issue of Look carries a short piece by him. He has done some interracial pioneering in this field here in Atlanta; is one of two Negroes who have so far been invited to speak to the Jaycees and had the full run of the recent Jaycee convention, a welcome precedent.

Gordon is a sort of protege of Ralph McGill who, I believe, thinks very highly of him.

I do think that Gordon has a contribution to make. As it happens, we have recently worked out an arrangement with him whereby he is to do a couple of articles for New South based on travel and fact-finding in some of the more difficult areas of the region. In return, we are putting up a modest sum (not more than $200) toward his travel expenses.

If he can make the necessary arrangements with his newspaper, I should think he could profitably take on a more extended project. Given the opportunity to get first-hand information, he should be able to place some useful articles in magazines of national circulation, and, if he is ambitious enough, a book might ultimately result.

In summary, I would characterize Gordon as representative of young, educated Southern Negroes who aspire to professional excellence and want to break out of the old limitations on Negro achievement. Not an easy thing to do do in this society and so the more to be encouraged.

I am not personally acquainted with Nat Williams, although I have heard of him. He apparently has considerable virtuosity and keeps a lot of irons in the fire -- newspaper columning, disc jockeying, teaching, etc. But I am not in position to evaluate his ability or to draw a comparison between him and Gordon.

If any further advice or information from me on Gordon's application would be useful, let me know.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

P. S. I didn't know, until I received your letter, that Gordon had applied for an F. for R. grant. It strikes me he might give you a fuller account of past achievements and what he proposes to do under a grant.

October 6, 1955

Mr. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

This is in reply to two of your recent letters. As to the question of membership cards, we know of no objections at all if that will help build esprit de corps. You would come out just as well, I think, having them printed locally. Fred cautions that printed material should bear a union label; that's the first thing people with labor will look for.

Fred and I feel that you have done a good job with your first draft of a promotion leaflet. You should consider the promotion value of printing at least a partial list of board members on it. Also, I have marked a few points for minor suggestions, which you may take or leave alone.

(1) To avoid a defensive tone, I would suggest "and that Southerners of both races can take the lead in solving their own problems." (2) In the interest of tightness and readability, suggest deleting "health, morals, safety and welfare of the." (3) For the same reason would delete "and foundations." (4) Suggest "The Council will work for mutual understanding,"etc. "It will seek to eliminate prejudice," etc. (5) Suggest transposing "non-profit" and "non-political."

It sounds as though you and Howard are off to a flying start. Congratulations and best wishes for an altitude record.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:hs

October 6, 1955

AIR MAIL

Mrs. J. A. Burt
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Burt:

Fred Routh tells me that I can look forward to seeing you at the meeting in New York, beginning Tuesday, October 11th. It was originally the plan for me to be up there about three days, but I had been previously booked for another Methodist occasion in Atlanta, and the only day that I am in New York with your group is Tuesday, October 11th.

So, let us plan some conversations that day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(dictated by Dr. Mitchell/
signed in his absence)

October 7, 1955

Mr. Henry Shippard
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Henry:

I'll arrive in Chattanooga by plane at 2:41 P. M. on Friday and will hot-foot it up the mountain as rapidly as possible. I must take another plane Sunday at noon.

It will be good to see you all!

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/ys

October 7, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear David:

Herewith the Quarterly for the last three months.

Also, to fulfill a promise made in the Quarterly Report for the period ending June 30, 1950, a list of members of the Boards of Directors for our affiliated state organizations. The Southern Regional Council supplies this to the Fund for the Republic solely as a matter of information and good faith, and we do not authorize any use of the names, except as assurance to the Fund for the Republic that the Boards are widely representative.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 7, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

Enclosed is a draft of a news release announcing the Fund's recent grant to the Southern Regional Council. Please let us know if it is satisfactory or if there are changes you feel we should make.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys
Enclosure

October 7, 1955

Mr. Edward B. Mergardt
National Better Business Bureau, Inc.
Chrysler Building
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Mergardt:

It is a pleasure to send you the material requested in your letter of September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 7, 1955

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

How very kind that was of you to bring your original contribution up to the so-helpful sum of $50.00! We are deeply grateful, and conscious of the sacrifice in other things and other causes that the gift means.

From Tuskegee one of us would be happy to drive you in to Montgomery to catch a plane North for Cincinnati. I've called Eastern Air Lines on planes. The only that-afternoon arrangement takes you out of Montgomery airport at 2:19 p.m., brings you over to Atlanta, and leaves Atlanta for Cincinnati at 7:20. Would get to Cincinnati in a couple of hours.

Another possibility would be to leave Montgomery airport at 5:47 p.m., come over to Atlanta (reached at 8:10 p.m.), sleep in Atlanta, and catch an 8:45 plane out in the morning for Cincinnati, getting there at 10:35 a.m.

For whichever, or any other, we would be glad to undertake to get you to the airport in Montgomery.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. SRC official receipt $25.00

cc: RA (for arrangements if need be)

October 7, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

This is in answer to your letter of September 26, 1955.

Straight along, so far as I am informed, SRC's offer to the affiliated state organizations has been that up to a stated amount, state by state, (and depending upon the number of months the state operated in a given fiscal year), SRC would cover the salaries of the state organization's employed personnel, and would afford a stated amount in addition for local operating expenses. Sums above such agreed amounts were to be raised by the states, if need be.

I think the point of difference is your view that we set aside an amount for Tennessee's consultants' salaries, payable willy-nilly. I wasn't present at the conversations, I admit, but no one has been authorized to make any commitment other than that we would cover the salaries of your consultants when, as, and if employed, up to the stated figure. So that there isn't any "balance"; there was simply a contingent, possible expenditure never incurred.

I have my professional doubts on the wisdom of the quite sizeable expenditure you propose on reading kits. But no one objects to your obtaining them if they are obtained from monies the Tennessee Council raises. It is just that we are not prepared to swing salary expenditures not made over to enable the purchase of even teaching materials.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Clarence L. Hughes

bc: FBR
RA
GSA

October 7, 1955

Mr. William Van Til
900 Tower Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bill:

For best answers:

1. Take as your jurisdiction human relations in the broad. You'll have your hands full on just the schools, for a while.

2. Only reason for being affiliated with nothing would be outrageously suspicious local people. You would benefit from being part of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, but Nashville people are free to be part of it or not to -- just as they sweetly please. Local people on Tennessee Council -- Bonita Valien, Mrs. Elsie Lewis, Mrs. James M. Todd. At Knoxville, Bill Jones. At chattanooga, Haskell Miller or the office manager of the Tennessee Council, Clarence Hughes, 420 Jackson Bldg. Cherry at 7th, telephone 7-9761.

3. I prefer a bunch of individuals, carefully chosen for their esteemed position within a variety of organizations, but not asked as representatives of such organizations. The tedium of unravelling formal representation is extreme, and a council of individuals who know how and at what the various outfits work can get things done. The Council should make no claim to speak in the name of the various outfits. All is informal. I like the principle that the Nashville meeting months ago used: no resolutions, no commitments.

4. Kind of clearing house, to coordinate the information, and so far as practicable and freely acceptable, the policy-interests of the various bodies and groups in the community interested in getting something done. There has been for years in San Francisco a helpful S. F. Council on Civic Unity, which is thirty-odd outfits, meeting together to figure out situations and what to do.

We got a good guy named Brewer to look into the literature on local human relations bunches, and I send some of his resultant material. Also he travelled to a few, mostly North.

Main thing is to get together pretty steadily white and Negro people sincerely interested in action, and that process will show what to do, and aplenty. Nice if you hook on to the Tennessee Council, and we hope you will, but we surely can't make you!

Sincerely,

NO COPIES TO ANYBODY

George S. Mitchell

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 7, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Nice to know that Mr. Nabrit is appreciated. He is a fine, judicious, and courageous man. Knows this Council well, and will be a resource in advice and action for you in Houston, and all over the state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 7, 1955

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
P. O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Kindness and devotion that manifest themselves in so practical a way are choice and deeply appreciated. Here are letters that went out to the others who contributed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

SRC official receipt $10.00
cc: ltrs to Dr. R. O. Roett
Mr. T. P. Turner
Dr. G.P.A. Forde
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Robinson
Watchtower Life Insurance Co.

October 7, 1955

Dr. R. O. Roett
3262 Holman
Houston, Texas

Dear Dr. Roett:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send on, through Mr. Charles A. Shaw, your contribution to the Southern Regional Council. We are extremely grateful for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC official receipt $10.00
cc: Mr. Shaw

October 7, 1955

Mr. T. P. Turner
P. O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Turner:

That was extremely kind of you to send on your much appreciated contribution to the Southern Regional Council through Mr. Charles A. Shaw. We are deeply grateful for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $10.00
cc: Mr. Shaw

October 7, 1955

Dr. G.P.A. Forde
618 Prarie
Houston, Texas

Dear Dr. Forde:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send on, through Mr. Charles A. Shaw, your contribution to the Southern Regional Council. We are extremely grateful for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC official receipt $10.00
cc: Mr. Shaw

October 7, 1955

Watchtower Life Insurance Company
P. O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Gentlemen:

We are deeply grateful to your Company for its contribution of $50.00 to the Southern Regional Council. This has been a period of special need, and we are all particularly grateful for your generous help at this time.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $50.00
cc: Mr. Chas A. Shaw

October 7, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robinson
2413 Dowling
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Robinson:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send on, through Mr. Charles A. Shaw, your contribution to the Southern Regional Council. We are extremely grateful for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $10.00
cc: Mr. Shaw

October 7, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Many thanks. Just what I wanted. Here are the clips back. Hurry and get well.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 10, 1955

Mr. Don Shoemaker
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156
Acklen Station
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Don:

We find ourselves in need of a comprehensive list of court cases involving segregation or discrimination since 1944. I have a hazy impression that an appendix to the Leflar-Davis manuscript, prepared for the Ashmore report, contains such a listing.

Could you ask your librarian to let us know the exact nature of the appendix and how, at this distance, we could avail ourselves of it? We will greatly appreciate your help.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

October 10, 1955

Miss Marjorie Bailey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Bailey:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your letter of October 6 concerning materials for your new school integration kit.

Aside from the Baltimore report, we know of only one recent piece of material -- a mimeographed summary report by the AFSC on their four-year program on school integration in Washington. Although we haven't yet seen a copy, it sounds like a very useful document. I understand that a copy is to go to George Guernsey, so you will be able to judge whether it should be included in your kit.

I assume you received our monthly publication, New South. If a given issue should strike you as particularly useful, additional copies would probably be available.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

October 10, 1955

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thanks for the dope on the Troy Ministerial Association. I will add it to our gradually increasing list.

As for your question about the newsletter, a full-scale treatment of the Citizens Councils in Alabama would be quite in order. My caution applied only to such "inside" information about your own techniques and activities as might be profitably used against you. In other words, I wouldn't put into the newsletter anything you wouldn't want the other side to know. Otherwise, the sky's the limit.

I appreciate the word of reassurance on the prospective article for New South. We are most anxious to get it.

Best regards.

Sincerely

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Diredtor

HCF/ys

October 11, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thanks for your confirmation of the dates in December.

I will be glad to stay over until Saturday, December 10th; the meeting of the local interracial councils sounds like a most interesting one. Will you let me know as soon as the place is confirmed? If the meeting is in High Point, I will probably combine the trip with a visit to Greensboro.

Let me know if you develop further detail on what I will be doing there through the week. I am looking forward to my visit there.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/ys

October 11, 1955

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
P. O. Box 2109
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

I am scheduled to work with the North Carolina Council on Human Relations from December 5th through December 10th. On December 10th, there will be a statewide meeting of local interracial councils probably in High Point. It occurs to me that there might be time for me to stay in Greensboro for two or three days to do some work with you. Of course, this depends upon your schedule and your thoughts about it.

Let me know what thought you have on the subject.

Best regards to you and to all my friends there.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/ys

October 11, 1955

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

After writing my last n ote to you, I have found that we were having open dates January 30 through February 3. If you prefer these dates for my Mississippi trip, instead of the dates I suggested that would be quite all right. My apology that the schedule is uncertain at this point. It does take sometime to fit everything in with everything else.

Whenever it turns out to be, I am looking forward to my visit to Mississippi.

Best regards to you,

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/ys

October 11, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

Mr. Colston sent us an expense account.

We suppose it is in the habit of the Tennessee Council's pre-organization days when we did pay directly from here the expense of various Tennessee people going to meetings looking toward the organization of the Tennessee Council. But now that you are a going concern, we expect you to cover your own travel. I further guess that Colston, having been away for the summer, just didn't know the changed arrangement.

Anyway, here's his account for the Tennessee Council to handle.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Clarence Hughes — enclosing to Mr. Hughes/the expense
account for Mr. Colston for $33.68
dtd 10/1/55, for travel to Board
of Directors meeting of TCHR.

October 11, 1955

(Dictated October 10th)

Mr. William K. Williams
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have always had an especially pleasant relationship with Mr. Willis T. Spivey, currently Director of the Christian Service Foundation, 125 Harbor Bluff Drive, Largo, Florida. He worked for a good many years as a kind of experimental plough point for Smith-Hughes education. And more lately has run some kind of a school about rural improvement down in south central Florida. He is a man of large ideas, and follows them pretty eagerly. Has been a member of ours off and on for a good many years.

If you will cultivate him you will find him a person of many helpful notions, and one whose friendship you would enjoy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

October 11, 1955

(Dictated October 10th)

Mr. Hugh Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

The Committee missed you. The ones who got there were: Bennie Mays, Phil Hammer, and Father Shean. They did a good job of spearing around and making the nominations.

I do hope that some early opportunity comes along when you and I can be together and talk. I think you are doing a grand job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence)

October 11, 1955
(Dictated October 10th)

MEMORANDUM

TO: GSA

FROM: GSM

Will you kindly take over responsibility for seeing to it that the Nominating Committee duly makes its presentment to the Board at the meeting at Tuskegee November 9th. You will need the file on the matter and handy slips as to whom they nominate for what. You should be able to rattle off at that meeting what the by-laws say, etc.

I will coach you and so will Fred Routh.

eab/

(Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence)

October 11, 1955

(Dictated October 10)

Mr. Willis T. Spivey
Director
Christian Service Foundation
125 Harbor Bluff Drive
Largo, Florida

Dear Mr. Spivey:

I think of you often, and I am glad indeed to have your letter and its kind renewal of your subscription to New South.

We put the money from the Fund for the Republic almost entirely into organizing twelve state groups. The one in Florida is called the Florida Council on Human Relations. The chairman is Mr. Paul Finner at Tallahassee. They have two paid executives, Mr. William K. Williams of West Palm Beach, and Mr. Howard D. Roberts of Jacksonville. These two staff persons and a clerk have an office at Daytona Beach. The Florida one was about the last one to get on its feet. We have others going well in eleven Southern states -- Florida makes the twelfth.

Except for such reprinted editorials which get into New South we don't have anything systematic that we center around press comment. Of course the Southern Education Reporting Service at Nashville is doing a beautiful job of getting out the straight news. We have sent around a couple of hundred copies of Lillian Smith's book. We are using New South systematically to get important facts and opinion -- particularly on the schools matter -- out to people.

Our flow of information from the states has increased greatly since they got organized, and we hope to do an improving job on our end of keeping the South informed.

I will tell the Florida Council to try to interest you in their work.

Do write me and tell me what you are doing and how it goes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC official receipt $2.00

October 11, 1955

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

We are grateful for your mighty helpful service with the Nominating Committee.

I made at least one slip. The elected members of the Executive Committee number nine and not seven. You properly nominated for the vacancy occasioned by Morris Abram's resignation, J. M. Dabbs. I forgot the earlier resignation of Mr. McDowell Richards, the President of Columbia Theological Seminary, who resigned because of the weight of his duties as moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. So one more nomination to the Executive Committee is in order, to fill Mr. Richards' place. I think the man should be a clergyman.

You can observe, from the enclosed list of Board members, the clerical people who are available to you.

So far as I know, it has never happened that the chairman of a state organization (enjoying membership on the Board of SRC by reason of his chairmanship of a state organization) has been elected to the Executive Committee of SRC. We are at pains to represent the state organizations on the Board. But we are not representing them at all on the Executive Committee. All things considered, your choice is probably limited to Reverend E. A. McDowell, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, or the Reverend Duncan Hunter at Alexander City, Alabama, or the Reverend J. Claude Evans, Editor of the Methodist Advocate, Columbia, South Carolina. The last two are, respectively, chairmen of the Alabama Council on Human Relations and the South Carolina Council on Human Relations.

I suggest as a simple method of procedure that Mr. Mays first make a nomination for the vacancy on the Executive Committee, and that for convenience he notify me of that name so that I can consult the other two members who came to the meeting for their agreement or counter suggestion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
Encl.

October 11, 1955

Mr. Philip Hammer
70 Fairlie Street
Atlanta, Georgia

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
Encl.

October 11, 1955

Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bennie Mays:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
Encl.

October 11, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: FBR
GSA
HCF
DT
CHP

FROM: GSM

The Nominating Committee met on Saturday, October 8th.

Present: Father Maurice V. Shean, who served as chairman; Mr. Benjamin Mays; and Mr. Philip Hammer. Also present, George Mitchell who served as secretary to the Committee.

The Committee began its work by examining the list of persons whose terms of office on the Board of Directors would expire in 1955.

It was agreed that the Committee would nominate for a second term of office all those who had been thus listed in the memo sent by Fred Routh to members of the Nominating Committee as having their terms of office expire in 1955, with the exception of Morris Abram, resigned, Ralph Barbare, O. D. Duncan, R. O'Hara Lanier, Clyde Milner, L. E. Thomas and A. S. Turnipseed.

This arrangement added seven vacancies to the already known five vacancies among elected members of the Board. Making a total of twelve vacancies.

Toward the filling of these vacancies, they nominated from Alabama: William Kaufman, L. H. Foster. From Arkansas: Lafayette Harris. From Georgia: Robert Snodgrass and Mrs. Robert McDougall. From Kentucky: Mrs. William Heuser. From Louisiana: Monte Lemann. From Mississippi: The Right Rev. Monsigner Brunini. From North Carolina: Harry L. Golden. From South Carolina: J. M. Dabbs. From Virginia: Frank Price. From Oklahoma: James Stewart.

In addition to those names, they nominated as alternates (available to be notified of election if vacancies should still exist after those just listed had been approached): Mrs. M. J. Bryant, York Wilburn, Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Mark Etheridge, Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard, Purser Hewitt, Julian Price, Raymond Wheeler, Mr. W. E. Solomon, ___ ___ Travelspeed, and Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins.

The Committee renominated all present officers of the Council, and for the vacancy as vice-president nominated Paul D. Williams of Richmond.

For the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee nominated all present elected members, plus J. M. Dabbs of South Carolina in the room of Morris Abram, resigned.

The Nominating Committee chose as the three new members of next year's Nominating Committee, Mr. I. H. Burney, Mr. Guy Johnson, and Mrs. E. U. Robinson.

cc: Board meeting File (11/9/55)

eab/

October 11, 1955

Mr. Thurgood Marshall
Director and Counsel
N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense
and Educational Fund, Inc.
107 West 43rd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 29, 1955, replying to my request for information on the cost incurred by Southern states in the civil right cases.

So far, we have not been able to turn up much actual information. However, I am searching through the audit reports for the state of Georgia. Information there, however, is quite brief. It would help a great deal if we had a list of actual names and dates of civil right cases brought against the Southern states. If there is such a list in your office, we would appreciate a copy.

Again, thanks for taking time out from your busy schedule to write us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys

October 11, 1955

AIR MAIL

Mr. Jimmy Jones
A. F. of L.
1291 N. E. 145th Street
North Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your telegram arrived this morning and, in the absence of Dr. Mitchell from the city (for today only), I send you the flight information you requested.

Dr. Mitchell will be leaving Atlanta on Eastern Air Lines' Flight 105 at 7:00 p.m., the night of Friday the 21st, arriving in Miami at 9:03 p.m. Return passage has been booked on Eastern's Flight 724, leaving Miami at 10:30 p.m., the night of the 22nd.

I have noted that a reservation has been made for Dr. Mitchell at the Columbus Hotel for the night of October 21st, and, unless he hears from you that he is to be met at the airport, he will go directly there.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

eab/

October 11, 1955

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

For six months I am on loan to the Southern Regional Council. I will be visiting in twelve Southern states working with the Councils on Human Relations towards progress in school desegregation. Beginning April 1, I will be in Philadelphia for A.F.S.C. looking for a way for us to be helpful on the same subject.

I don't know much yet, but I am learning.

Greetings and best regards,

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/ys

October 11, 1955

Reverend Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I will certainly be glad to fit into the plans which you have already partially made. We will skip the February date since it does not seem to fit.

Since December is heavily scheduled, we will do best to plan my Alabama trip in March. Since it is totally unscheduled you can choose whichever week in March you prefer.

I will tentatively hold March 19 through 23. If you prefer the week before or some other week, let me know and we can easily make that change.

Thanks for the prompt reply.

Send me a confirmation of the March date when you can.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/ys

October 12, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I've pondered Mr. McCain's letter of October 10. I saw the New York man in Coca-Cola September 30. I would give him about two weeks to show action. October 7 is a shade over one week.

Mr. Leonard Haas, General Counsel to Southern Regional Council, has informed us that in his view the Supreme Court has held that any mercantile dealer can choose his customers at will, and may refuse to do business with certain individuals or firms for any reason whatsoever. But, says Mr. Haas, it is his view that practically every state has statutes under which an agreement of several dealers to refuse to have business relations with a third person, and to procure others to act similarly, becomes an actionable consipiracy. Such a conspiracy is an unlawful conspiracy in restraint of trade, an illegal boycott, actionable both civilly and criminally. It is the agreement or concert of action that is the gist of the conspiracy.

So that I would advise you to seek further legal advice in South Carolina. If some of the aggrieved merchants care to enter a suit (presumably in State courts for violation of a given State statute), they would certainly be free to do so. And I should think such a suit would help to clarify matters generally.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/ys

October 12, 1955

Miss Emilie Heinatz
Texas Social and Legislative Conference
903 Littlefield Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Miss Heinatz:

I am flattered by the invitation to speak to the Conference on November 13. I have complications. Have to be in Portsmouth, Virginia the evening of Friday the 11th. Should be there about on Saturday the 12th. Could, by an airplane dash, get to Houston Sunday the 13th. But I haven't any slated business in Texas at that time (though there are always people I want to see, and especially Sutherland and the Texas Council on Human Relations. I estimate the plane fare would run in excess of $100.00. I would be willing to let Southern Regional Council put up all costs of the trip in excess of $100.00, but I would have to get your group to put up the first hundred.

If you can't find that much (and I know how hard that amount is to put together) there are plenty of other good guys about, and closer. I would like the chance to get to know your group, and I warmly praise what and who you are!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/ys

cc. Tom Sutherland

October 12, 1955

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

I am sorry but I can't see the proposal about the WSCS contribution to SRC. One or the other of the Kentucky Conferences of the WSCS has been sending us $25.00 for a good many years, and in any case the contribution was to SRC and not to the Kentucky Council on Human Relations. I sympathize, but I can't establish that precedent.

But we are quite willing, where contributions are made 50-50 to the Kentucky Council and Southern Regional Council, to receive our 50% or to send back to you your 50% of the contribution. We think that's a good plan.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/ys

October 12, 1955

Miss Lauradine Baker
University of Georgia
 Religious Association
Chaplains Office
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Miss Baker:

I'll be there, at 6:45, Dawson Hall.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/ys

October 12, 1955

Mrs. J. A. Burt
Hotel George Washington
Lexington Avenue at 23rd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Burt:

Good to see you.

When I got back and consulted my staff people I saw the irregularity, in just organizational terms, of this office dropping news material on to a reporter within the area of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations, without affording opportunity for the Mississippi Council to consider the action and shape it as might seem wisest to responsible Board (and staff) people. So I tried to reach the Rabbi, for consultation, but found him not available at home or office, and called Mrs. Lyells. I agreed that SRC would today send to Mrs. Lyells the material that would be suitable for transmittal to the Clarksdale reporter, and she said that in consultation with Board persons locally available, including I believe Msgr. Brunini, steps would be taken for transmitting to the reporter through appropriate hands a release or the substance of a release.

This differs, I know, from the direct action I promised you. If you wish to urge some particular course of action on Mrs. Lyells telephone her from New York.

This seems to me sound organizationally; I hope that despite the problems of distance you can assure yourself that every appropriate angle of a wise course of action is being considered.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P. S. A governing consideration is that the Mississippi Council has not yet publicly announced its existence; so a first release is important to the whole Mississippi Council.

October 12, 1955

Mr. J. H. Wheeler
Mechanics & Farmers Bank
Box 1932
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Mighty nice of you to send that appreciated $50.00. 'Tis no matter of pleasure to write to faithful Board people, and ask them to chip in this way, but I was directed to do it, and I did. And I and all of us thank you, and the quite numerous others who did chip in, and put us into the black for the turn of the fiscal year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/ys

October 12, 1955

Mr. John Hope
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

This is in further reference to my call to you some time ago, and Fred Routh's conversation yesterday.

We would like to persuade you onto the staff of Southern Regional Council as an Assistant Director, to spend (if possible) as much as half your time for eight months from November 1 through June 30 in getting jobs dones for Southern Regional Council. The task would be direction of a training program reaching staff and Board personnel in the twelve State organizations assisted by the Southern Regional Council; such a training effort to be directed toward stepping up planning and program achievement in the State organizations, particularly in the matter of opening the public schools without distinctions of race.

Much of the board planning for this effort has been done by Mr. C. H. Parrish, and we would wish you to confer with him at an early date, and to be in touch with him from time to time, as with all of us, as the program moves forward. But it would be yours to direct, in agreement with the staff of Southern Regional Council.

I do not have the power to make you a final offer of this place, until there shall have been opportunity to lay the proposal in detail before the personnel committee of the Executive Committee of Southern Regional Council, and because of the absence of one member of the personnel committee such consultation cannot be had until after October 18. But I have conferred with one of the three members (I'm a member, too) and I should think that the probability of agreement is at least sufficiently great to warrant every further exploration of the arrangement.

On the money, we are setting aside $2500 (plus our part of social security) for your salary, at a rate of $7,500 per year (½ time for 8 months.) We would also reserve $1,500 for your travel. In addition, the use of consultants under your supervision could proceed up to a figure of $4,000, this total amount to cover both fees and travel for the consultants (in a proportionate distribution to be approved, on your advice.)

We would expect you to be here at this office for one week starting November 1st and then fairly frequently for consultation and coordination, but we have no objection to your official station remaining Nashville, and you would draw travel allowance and the usual agreed perdiem for your days in Atlanta.

I hope you will explore this arrangement with your people at Fisk and in AMA, and give us the pleasant news that it can go forward more or less as planned, but subject, of course, to such desirable modifications as may be mutually satisfactory.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/ys

October 12, '55

Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells,
Executive Director
Miss. Council on Human Rleations
416 Montgomery Street, Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Lyells,

As we discussed this morning by 'phone, I am sending you material put together by Mr. Fleming as useful to put into the hands of the reporter Mrs. Burt had been in touch with, or as useful in shaping a release by or from the Mississippi Council, on the matter.

I have written Mrs. Burt in N.Y., and told her of this arrangement, and suggested that if she had further suggestions she call you by 'phone.

The reporter whom I had promised Mrs. Burt to send the material to is

Mr. B. J. Skelton
Clarksdale Press Register
Clarksdale, Mississippi

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

My ideas were clarified by the knowledge that this would be the first public notice of the presence of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations; a matter which seems to me to magnify the importance of having it done as a consultative act of the Mississippi Council on HR.

October 13, 1955

Mr. Davis McEntire
Research Office
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. McEntire:

Mail between here and the Coast being what it is, I tried to reach you today by telephone, but was unsuccessful. Hence, this somewhat delayed reply to your letter of October 6.

We will be glad to assist the Commission on Race and Housing by arranging a meeting of Southerners who are knowledgeable about housing for minority groups. Unfortunately, people close to the research side of this question in the South are extremely rare. However, there are people who have had practical experience in the field and have reflected deeply on it. Because of Atlanta's importance as a regional center, a good many of these people are locally available. Perhaps half-a-dozen would have to be brought from other cities, at an average travel expense of about $100 each. Of the total group, perhaps three would require honoraria of about $50, since they are self-employed professional people. I suppose lunch for the group would be included in the cost of the conference. Some reimbursement to the Southern Regional Council for its overhead costs in arranging the conference would be appreciated.

The earliest date feasible for such a conference would be November 21 or thereabouts.

Let us know how these tentative proposals strike you, and we will proceed, on the basis agreed upon, to develop a firm list, issue the invitations, and make the necessary physical arrangements for the meeting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

October 13, 1955

Dr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Enclosed are clippings and a letter to you from Emory Jackson. We know you told us we could keep the clippings here at the Council, but we think you should see the conclusions Emory drew from them. Therefore, we are sending them along.

Sorry I missed you the other day when you were in Atlanta, but I was a little under the weather.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Assistant Director

JC/ys
Enclosures

October 13, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Tom Sutherland

FROM: Irene Osborne

RE: Schedule

Arrive Dallas (American Airlines) - October 23, 8 P. M.

Dallas to Waco(Braniff), October 26- Leave 11:23 A.M., arrive 12:07 P.M.

Waco to Austin - seems impossible to schedule, as the only flight is early morning. You'll need to transport me if the Austin meeting is Wednesday evening.

Austin to Houston - I have ticket but did not schedule the flight, as it will depend on the time of the Houston meeting.

IO/ys

October 13, 1955

FBR:

Please see that those members of the Nominating Committee, who were not here for its meeting, are apprised with an account of the proceedings of the meeting.

GSM/eab

October 13, 1955

Mr. Jonathan Daniels, Editor
Raleigh News and Observer
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Daniels:

We here at the Council read with interest the newspaper accounts of your speech in Hartsville, South Carolina.

We believe your words to be ones of wisdom and should be circulated as widely as possible. Pursuant to that thought, we wonder if you have a copy of the talk which you could send us for consideration as to possible reprinting in New South? If so, we would be grateful if you would send us a copy as soon as possible. Our next issue of New South is now in the planning stages, and we would like to consider your speech for that issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

October 13, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Here is an exchange of correspondence and other matter between Judge George Bell Timmerman and his pastor, the Rev. G. Jackson Stafford of the Batesburg, S. C., Baptist Church. Formidably voluminous, I know, but I think you will find it well worth a quick reading.

As you will see, Timmerman is revealed in an appalling light for a Federal judge. Stafford is clearly out and, at the moment, doesn't know where to turn. Because of the precarious situation of himself and his family in this small South Carolina community, he has not yet made public the circumstances of his case — an end which we feel is much to be desired.

We will soon have our first chance to discuss the whole matter with Stafford, after which we may have a recommendation to make to the Fund. I am sending this material up now so that you may have a chance to look at it in advance of any recommendation that we might later make.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the 25th. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

Encl.s.
HCF/ys

P. S. Eventually I would like to have the enclosed material back, since it is our only copy.

October 13, 1955

Mr. Wilson Brown
Vice-President
State Planters Bank
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

There may have been some correspondence from the President of the Southern Regional Council, Marion Wright, to you about a proposed Finance Committee meeting for the upper South. So few could come to the proposed meeting that it had to be called off.

Next time I am in Richmond, I will drop by and get your advice on the not overwhelming problem that we face.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright

October 13, 1955

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the
Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

Yes, all clear, and I will check with you and let you know, and you do the same for me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

October 13, 1955

Mr. Lewis H. Deer
Missions Building
222 S. Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mr. Deer:

George Mitchell has turned your letter of October 11th over to me, since I am the person working with our State organizations and more closely in connection with what is happening to the various states including Arkansas. SRC in Arkansas, known as the Council on Human Relations, has been active in the Hoxie situation. I am enclosing a copy of our director's report on what we have done out there. We are also following through on this matter at the present time. I will send a copy of your letter to George out to our director in Arkansas.

Irene Osborne, who worked with the American Friends Service Committee in desegregating the schools in Washington, D. C., will be out in Arkansas all next week and will certainly include Hoxie on her itinerary. I am going out with her and will look further into the situation and will drop you a note upon my return to this office.

In the cases of Mr. Cox and Dr. Minton in Mississippi, they have both been active with our Mississippi group, Mississippi Council on Human Relations, and we are concerned with the actions of the "White Citizens'Council". In regards to them, I believe it would be helpful if you would write a letter to Mr. Cox re-affirming your faith in him. At a time like this every bit of encouragement is helpful. We are in constant contact with the situations out there.

George sends his best personal regards in which I fully join.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/ys
Enclosure

October 13, 1955

Mr. Willis T. Spivey
Director
Christian Service Foundation
125 Harbor Bluff Drive
Largo, Florida

Dear Mr. Spivey:

I meant to give you the address for the office of the Florida Council on Human Relations at Daytona Beach. It is 324 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence)

October 13, 1955

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Brimm:

I've had a message about my Kentucky trip which came from Dr. Parrish.

This is to confirm that I will be available for Kentucky from approximately November 3 to November 8. I could arrive in Kentucky the evening of Wednesday, November 2.

I am leaving for Arkansas and Texas this Friday (October 14), and will not return to the Atlanta office until Monday, October 31. If you want to write me, send letter to the Arkansas office from October 17-21. The next week in Texas will be more difficult as I will be much more on the run, but I will be in the Austin office Wednesday and Thursday, October 26 and 27.

Let me know the major outlines of the itinerary, so I can schedule air travel from major points to major points. And let me know any details that will be helpful to me in planning.

I'm very much looking forward to my Kentucky trip.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/ys

October 14, 1955

Mr. Philip Hammer
70 Fairlie Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Phil:

Mr. Mays, from among those suggested as possible candidates for the remaining vacancy on the Executive Committee, chose, as one with whom he had a personal acquaintance, Reverend E. A. McDowell of Wake Forest. If you will be good enough to confirm or make other selections, it will be possible to add a name to the list of nominees to the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

October 14, 1955

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
P. O. Box 2109
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt Bell:

Thanks for your prompt reply! I'll look forward to corresponding further about my visit to Greensboro.

We arrived at an agreement that I should best be located here for half the year to be more accessible to southern points and to sources of information. The arrangement is that I'm on loan from AFSC to SRC for six months. During that time I'll visit all the state Councils. Before coming to North Carolina, I'll be in Arkansas, Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Florida.

Hopefully, by the time I arrive in North Carolina, I will have learned something of what I'm about.

Best regards to all!

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/ys
Dictated, but not read.

October 14, 1955

Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bennie Mays:

Very many thanks for naming Dr. McDowell. I have sent out the suggestion to Phil Hammer and Father Shean.

I hear that Dr. McDowell is in hottish water, but he will be a great acquisition if he will accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

October 14, 1955

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
The Oratory
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

Mr. Mays, from among those suggested as possible candidates for the remaining vacancy on the Executive Committee, chose, as one with whom he had a personal acquaintance, Reverend E. A. McDowell of Wake Forest. If you will be good enough to confirm or make other selections, it will be possible to add a name to the list of nominees to the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

October 14, 1955

Mr. Robert L. Kirkpatrick
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Delighted to help Mr. Jay. I will line up an interview for him with people concerned with taxes in the state government.

I will take on, myself, most of the educating job in race relations, but will try to put him in touch with others who can give him different slants.

Many thanks for helpful comments, which I will pay mind to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed inhis absence.

October 14, 1955

HCF:

Leonard Haas expressed an interest in laying his eyes upon the mention of him in Roy Harris' so-called paper.

Would you at your convenience contrive a visit to Mr. Haas, paper in hand.

GSM/eab

October 14, 1955

Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

Attached you will find minutes of the meeting of the Nominating Committee which met on Saturday, October 8, 1955.

Due to an oversight only one additional person was nominated for the Executive Committee instead of the two persons needed. Dr. Mitchell has written to each member of the Nominating Comittee who was present at the meeting, asking them to nominate one additional person to the Executive Committee in place of Mr. McDowell Richards, who resigned earlier in the year. As soon as this person has been nominated we will apprise you of same.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rth

cc: Mr. Hugh Brim

October 11, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

FROM: GSM

The Nominating Committee met on Saturday, October 8th.

Present: Father Maurice V. Shean, who served as chairman; Mr. Benjamin Mays; and Mr. Philip Hammer. Also present, George Mitchell who served as secretary to the Committee.

The Committee began its work by examining the list of persons whose terms of office on the Board of Directors would expire in 1955.

It was agreed that the Committee would nominate for a second term of office all those who had been thus listed in the memo sent by Fred Routh to members of Nominating Committee as having their terms of office expire in 1955, with the exception of Morris Abram, resigned, Ralph Barbare, O. D. Duncan, R. O'Hara Lanier, Clyde Milner, L. E. Thomas and A. S. Turnipseed.

This arrangement added seven vacancies to the already known five vacancies among elected members of the Board. Making a total of twelve vacancies.

Toward the filling of these vacancies, they nominated from Alabama: William Kaufman, L. H. Foster. From Arkansas: Lafayette Harris. From Georgia: Robert Snodgrass and Mrs. Robert McDougall. From Kentucky: Mrs. William Heuser. From Louisiana: Monte Lemann. From Mississippi: The Right Rev. Monsignor Brunini. From North Carolina: Harry L. Golden. Oklahoma: James Stewart. From South Carolina: J. M. Dabbs. From Virginia: Frank Price.

In addition to those names, they nominated as alternates (available to be notified of election if vacancies should still exist after those just listed had been approached): Mrs. M. J. Bryant, York Wilburn, Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Mark Etheridge, Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard, Purser Hewitt, Julian Price, Raymond Wheeler, Mr. W. E. Solomon, __ __ Travelspeed, and Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins.

The Committee renominated all present officers of the Council, and for the vacancy as vice-president nominated Paul D. Williams of Richmond.

For the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee nominated all present elected members, plus J. M. Dabbs of South Carolina in the room of Morris Abram, resigned.

The Nominating Committee chose as the three new members of next year's Nominating Committee, Mr. I. H. Burney, Mr. Guy Johnson, and Mrs. E. U. Robinson.

cc: Board meeting File (11/9/55)

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL
and the
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

October 17, 1955

Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
Presbyterian Committee on Woman's Work
341A Ponce de Leon
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Jenkins:

I will be there October 19th at 7:30.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 17, 1955

Miss Muriel Day
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Day:

You were most kind to put in the whole hundred dollars. All such sums go straight into the treasury of the Southern Regional Council, and here is its receipt for the gracious gift.

Mrs. Tilly and I enjoyed your group, and we are both grateful for the rich opportunity to counsel with them on this whole field of human relations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC Official Receipt $100

October 17, 1955

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Leonard:

Twenty-five solid years of devoted service, even to the best of causes, earns a man all the laurels. We are all grateful to you for sound backing and wise advice, and we cannot stand in the way of your wish to hand over the job of counsel. But I do state that I think you are performing that function admirably, and it will be a great loss to SRC to shift the job to anyone else.

Nevertheless I will, of course, bring your letter to the attention of the Executive Committee at its forthcoming meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright

plus copy of incoming from L. H.

October 17, 1955

Miss Anne Foley
National Director
Friendship House
4233 South Indiana Avenue
Chicago 13, Illinois

Dear Anne:

The information you asked for is, as you know, hard to come by. It is published from time to time in scraps, but we have not been able to get any authoritative summary other than what was issued in the attached -- too old now to be helpful.

I know of my own knowledge that the parochial school at South Carolina opened to children of both races in the fall of 1955.

You will know that the Archdiocese in Louisiana has announced that there will be no integration in its schools in the current school year.

I am delighted that Mary Dolan will be in charge of Friendship House in Chicago. I get to Chicago two or three times a year, but I am not coming this year to the NAIRO meeting, so that one won't work. But you may be sure that I will let her know ahead of time when I will be coming that way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - New South, Feb., 1955

October 17, 1955

Mr. B. E. Thrasher
Department of Audits
115 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Thrasher:

This confirms the arrangement kindly made by phone with you this morning for a visit to your office for Thursday morning, November 17th at 10:30, by Mr. Douglas Jay, M.P., who is interested in tax matters.

Here is a run down on Mr. Jay.

If there is to be any changes in your plans, I hope you will be good enough to let me know by calling WAlnut 1821.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 17, 1955

Mr. Jonathan Daniels, Editor
THE NEWS AND OBSERVER
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Thank you very much for the excerpt from your speech you made in South Carolina. Your secretary kindly sent it along to me.

We think your point on public education was well-taken.

Again thanks,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys

October 17, 1955

Miss Sophie Van S. Theis
Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Theis:

We would greatly like it if you would plan a Southern tour, and make some stops at places that would put you in touch with what the Southern Regional Council is doing. I am sure that there are many other things you would want to include in a Southward run.

If you came on the train, convenient stops would be Richmond, Charlotte, Atlanta, Montgomery, and New Orleans. Southward from Richmond you would need to take the Southern Railroad into Charlotte and into Atlanta, and so on down.

At Richmond you would get a friendly welcome from John Marion, who is the Executive Director of the newish Virginia Council on Human Relations, 100 East Franklin Street, telephone number 3-8538.

At Charlotte, the man would be Harry S. Jones at 121 East Third Street, Room 209, telephone number FRanklin 6-6833.

Atlanta contains our central office, and also the office of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation of which Mr. Guy Wells is the Executive Director. Same building with us here at 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., telephone number ALpine 4063.

In Montgomery the Alabama Council on Human Relations is run by a young Methodist clergyman named Robert Hughes, with offices at Room 206, Moore Building, Court Street, telephone number 2-0450.

In New Orleans, the Louisiana Council has an office at 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, telephone number MAgnolia 4295. The Executive Director is Milton C. Vigo.

If you wanted to go out into Texas or Arkansas, I could give you the names of people there.

Correspondingly, if you went back toward New York via the Mississippi Valley, we have an office at Louisville for the Kentucky Council on Human Relations. Mr. Hugh Brimm is for the moment the part-time Director with offices at 1319 Heyburn Building, telephone number not presently available.

Virginia would give you a good picture of the upper South. North Carolina would show a mixture between upper South tendencies and lower South hangovers. In Atlanta we could tell you about the whole South. And the Georgia Committee could explain this state. In Montgomery you would be near the old Plantation Belt of the South so important historically to understanding present trends. I am sure Mr. Hughes would be glad to drive you out in the country and let you see how that society was organized twenty years back.

New Orleans is a joy in itself. I find Louisiana a pretty complicated nut to crack, but Mr. Vigo would be glad to explain the whole state to you.

We have got other offices in Daytona Beach, Florida, and Jackson, Mississippi, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Little Rock, Arkansas, and you would be welcome at any of them at all.

Anyway, if you will come down, we will get you more instructed than you probably want to be.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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10/17/55

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

MELBOURNE HOTEL
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

CAN YOU RESERVE SINGLE TOMORROW TUESDAY NIGHT? PLEASE REPLY COLLECT

HAROLD C. FLEMING
SRC 63 AUBURN AVE., N. E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

October 17, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: GSA

FROM: GSM

SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS FOR SRC BOARD.

I learned in a telephone call to the office of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations that the gentleman we have listed as ______ Travelspeed is, as a matter of fact, Chester E. Travelstead. He is Dean of Business Administration at the University of South Carolina. Residence address is in Columbia, 921 Beltline Boulevard. Described by our South Carolina office as a grand man, who has been in this business for several years.

I see no need to make this correction in communications to other members of the Nominating Committee, but please be sure that the final type-up of nominations contains the correct name.

By the way, speaking of the final type-up, you will need to shape a document which can be thrust into the hand of whoever will be present from the Nominating Committee (at the Board meeting November 9th). The thrustee to then read out the names. Arm yourself with a carbon of the document handed to the thrustee. But watch, lest any changes made by the Board escape notice.

eab/

October 18, 1955

Dr. Frank E. Jones
Hood Theological Seminary
Salisbury, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Jones:

In response to your recent letter addressed to Dr. Mitchell I am enclosing some of our descriptive material, enclosing a sample copy of our monthly publication NEW SOUTH.

If other publications of the Council, as set forth in the enclosed publication list would be helpful to you or if I can supply more specific information by letter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys
Enclosures

October 18, 1955

Mrs. Candler Tatum
2422-15th Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Noreen:

Montgomery and a Negro church would be right for your meeting. It is difficult for a Negro church to serve lunch, however, unless you have box lunches sent in as before--your Montgomery Committee listed is fine. I think it would be just as well for you to ask them. Mrs. McLeod is so dependable and so whole-heartedly back of you. She will give you good service.

I believe the group ought to decide if a permanent organization is wanted. It would be a good thing for it would co-ordinate Jewish and Catholic (if you can get Catholics) and Protestant effort.

I think a second meeting should include a larger group. The names might be given to you by the ones who met in Birmingham. As far as my being with you--any date as it is now, could be between the assembly at Cleveland and Thanksgiving except Tuesday the 17th of November. The first week in December would be hard for me, but I could make it.

Things are certainly hot in Georgia now. I've received a letter from the Klan--and we at the Council have had anonymous calls.

The best of wishes to you.

From,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET/vs

October 18, 1955

Mr. Donald A. C. MacLennan
26 Buckingham Terrace
Edinburgh 4, Scotland

Dear Mr. McLennan:

Good to have your letter, and I will explore all possible avenues.

Meanwhile, from your end pick up the threads of whatever kinds of travelling fellowships may be available in this country for British subjects. I am sure there are some. Another possibility would be to get the Carnegie Trust to float you. Where is their office -- Dunfermline? I know that they do a goodly business in staking people to international travel. And occasionally they are flexible.

A small foundation with a long time interest in African matters is the Phelps-Stokes Fund, address 101 Park Avenue, New York 17, New York. The President is Dr. F. D. Patterson, formerly the head of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. He has been to Africa. The Phelps-Stokes Fund has sent a lot of people over from here, and I suppose has brought in people from there. Worth your while to write to Dr. Patterson and use my name and Quintin Whyte's and see if they can stir up something.

I know the various ones of the intergroup relations agencies, South and North, in which you might suitably work if somebody would put up the salary. Few of them would take a man sight unseen to pay themselves, but if a foundation would put up the pay, any number of useful agencies would jump to get the man's services. That would be the case with the Southern Regional Council, and doubtless with intergroup relations agencies in Philadelphia or New York or Chicago or Detroit.

I will write you further when I can get any more news. Meanwhile, I suggest that you explore from your end these things I have proposed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 18, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I send you this original incoming, which please send back.

The chance that you would know of a workable plan is greater than the chance that I would.

I would certainly like to give the man an easier mind as to his future. Nearest I can come to a guess is some sort of reverse Fullbright which would enable him to be assigned, salary paid, to work with a human relations agency in a Northern city, or with us here. Wouldn't somebody in Philadelphia jump to get a hand without charge?

If you get brilliant ideas and will write or call me, I will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Ltr dtd 10/15/55 from
Mr. Donald A.C. MacLennan
26 Buckingham Terrace
Edinburgh 4, Scotland

October 18, 1955

Father Albert S. Foley, S. J.
Department of Social Sciences
Spring Hill College
Mobile
Spring Hill Station
Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

You are very kind. The best I could do would be Monday, December 5th.

I notice that your set topic for that day is little relevant, but I suppose there would be at least two parts of the evening when I might take up the subject you want me to take up.

Suppose we split the expenses 50/50?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 18, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I talked the other evening by phone with Mr. D'Orlando. I told him that it seemed important to me to carry through on a commitment made at the April membership meeting to have another general membership meeting in the Fall of 1955.

I also suggested that at an early date he send us details of the candidate or candidates being considered for the position of Associate Executive Director, as this office had power to approve major staff in advance.

Mr. D'Orlando said he had not known of the requirement on the matter of an appointment, but would send us what we wished.

I thought him quite ready to proceed in conference with you to plan a Fall membership meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

bc: FBR

October 18, 1955

Mr. Patrick E. McCauley
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McCauley:

Thanks so much for your prompt reply to my letter regarding Leflar-Davis manuscript.

The appendices are not quite as I remember them, but we might want to consult them a little later on. If some arrangements are worked out for either direct mail or inter-library loan of this material, I will greatly appreciate your letting me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

October 18, 1955

Miss Marian Hargrave, Field Director
National Council for the Panel
of Americans
Tenth Floor, 386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Hargrave:

Please forgive this delay in answering your letter of sometime ago inquiring about Southern Regional Council materials.

Since we are a non-profit organization and make our publications available at cost, we are able to supply almost no free material, with the exception of promotion material. However, we could supply a limited number of copies of our monthly publication NEW SOUTH in order to acquaint such a group as yours with it.

I am enclosing a sample copy of NEW SOUTH and a complete publication list.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys
Enclosures

October 18, 1955

Mr. Ed Dinkins, Promotion Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Dinkins:

This, with apology for the delay, is reply to your recent letter requesting our cooperation in promoting SOUTHERN SCHOOL NEWS. We have regularly advised the members of our affiliated State organizations to avail themselves of the valuable information published by SOUTHERN SCHOOL NEWS and we will be glad to further subscribe in any other way we can.

Unfortunately, the Southern Regional Council has always operated under an invariable rule which forbids sending any copy of mailing lists out of this office. We should be glad, however, to work out some arrangements whereby your mailings might run through our addressograph and mailed from here. Let me know what plan of this kind would be feasible from your point of view, and I will proceed from there. We could use up to about 3500 copies of this material.

In any case, soon we will run another plug for SOUTHERN SCHOOL NEWS in our monthly publication NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

October 18, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Room 209
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

This is in reply to your recent letter about Miss Shirley Strickland of Charlotte. Our records show that Miss Strickland has been a simple subscriber to NEW SOUTH having sent in the subscription cost some months ago. She has evidently moved recently, since the last issue was returned to us marked " no forwarding address." I am glad that she has joined the North Carolina Council.

I have passed on to Ruth Alexander your suggestion that our mailing list be checked against your membership list. She will undertake to do this when the clerical work permits.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

October 18, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

I have studied with care the proposed job description which Marion Wright sent you October 6th for the new Administrative Assistant, Mr. G. S. Alexander. I have also been over the job descriptions with Mr. Alexander and with the acting Secretary-Treasurer. Most of the phrases as to particular jobs I would agree with. Some of them I don't like.

I think the job of office manager is best done by the Secretary-Treasurer. The main thing in the job is keeping the clerical staff recruited and effective. Nearly all the clerical staff are women, and the Secretary-Treasurer is a woman, and I think that that is a good arrangement.

Shifting purchase of supplies to the Administrative Assistant I think unduly burdens his job. There is a lot of petty telephoning around to buy envelopes $2.00 a thousand cheaper than the other man offers them. The trade channels are well known to the Secretary-Treasurer's office and I think that function could stay where it is.

I am considerably puzzled by the proposal in Marion Wright's job description that the Administrative Assistant keep making an estimate of the efficiency of everybody and saying what he thinks to me and to the Executive Committee. I think it would largely destroy his value if he were charged with sizing up everybody else in the show.

Lastly, I don't like the idea of putting the Secretary-Treasurer under his direction. The main reason for having a Secretary-Treasurer is to provide the safeguard of direct access ~~to~~ on financial matters To by the Executive Committee. It is a consequence of that purpose that the Secretary -Treasurer writes the checks. The Administrative Assistant ought to be working in the closest harmony with the Executive Director. If the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director is above the Secretary-Treasurer, the whole independence of the Secretary-Treasurer has blown up.

I have prepared an alternative job description which has my approval and that of both the Secretary-Treasurer and the Administrative Assistant. I send it to you in advance so that you may have a little time to ponder it. I hope that in the very near future you will let me come over and we can try to take advantage of Marion Wright's delegation to us of power to agree.

I enclose for your convenience the current job description of the Secretary-Treasurer. It would not be my proposal that this job description be altered.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. - Job Descriptions
1. Administrative Assistant
2. Secretary-Treasurer

October 19, 1955

Reverend John G. Masterson, O. D.
Saint Anthony's Priory
4640 Canal Street
New Orleans 19, Louisiana

Dear Father Masterson:

Greetings! and welcome back!

I recall with much pleasure that occasion at the College and our enjoyable, if too few, minutes together.

Separately come various things; the best of them called Changing Patterns in the New South.

Milton Vigo is the Director of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations at 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, New Orleans. He is married to a pretty young lady who went to just such a college as the Dominican (perhaps to it?), and they live at 1119 Peniston Street - UPtown 4445. Do make their acquaintance. We help the Louisiana Council, and Vigo plans their work.

If we can send you anything further, we would like to. If the Priory can find a dollar to send for this small shipment of booklets, we would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 19, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

We had a nice note today from Father John G. Masterson, who was at the Dominican College years ago when I did a speechlet there, and is now newly back from four years of North, at St. Anthony's Priory. Wanted catch-up literature, which I sent. And I told him to hook on to you. He ought to make you a member.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 19, 1955

Mr. Roland S. Jones
Parsonburg,
Maryland

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have sent off at once some pretty good things. Hope they'll help.

For the SRC publications you should send us a dollar, which we'll be grateful for. The book we can give you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 19, 1955

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary
The Young Men's Christian Association
22 Butler Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

How would "How the Schools Matter Stands" be?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 19, 1955

Mr. John J. O'Connor
5115 Moorland Lane
Bethesda 14, Maryland

Dear John:

I know no reason why the figures we gave in January, 1953, should be substantially changed. Probably they have trickled upward, but not uniformly, and in some places the number of registered Negro voters will have declined a good deal. A few Georgia counties have stricken nearly all their Negro voters (and some of their registering officials have been successfully sued for it, and ordered to restore the names).

For Virginia, call or write Professor William Cooper, Hampton Institute, Hampton.

For Alabama, the authority is Professor James Pierce, Alabama State College, Montgomery. He recently gave out a preliminary report showing 49,177 registered Negro voters in the state. The county that contains Birmingham has 5,250. Two counties have no registered Negro voters. Full report, probably complete, available from Mr. Pierce.

To my mind, a most significant factor is the DISTRIBUTION of Negro registered voters. It will be much the reverse of the enclosed population map. Brown and orange counties, generally speaking, will have small proportions of registered Negro voters, and the cities and larger towns, principally those in the Piedmont counties, will have good numbers. It isn't the ratio; it's what I call the high index of dependence, in those old plantation counties. A man can't vote because those who have authority and power over his livelihood don't want him to; so he doesn't. Pierce's figures, with their county breakdown, will show this pattern with great clarity. In Alabama, many of the "black belt" counties have two or seven or twelve Negro voters -- and some none, as he says.

Of course there are few Negroes in the hill counties (at least in rural situations), but pretty generally those in towns get a vote.

Mississippi is a special case. Write Msgr. Brunini.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. News Clipping, Atlanta Constitution, 9/29/55
New South, January, 1953
Answers for Action

October 19, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Yesterday we got word that today at 2:30 the Attorney General of Georgia blows off comme ci.

Here are two answers as released to the latter-part language fussing at us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls:
Statement of the Ga. Committee
Statement of SRC
Attorney Cook's statement

October 19, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Your letter requesting information on the Citizens' Council has been referred to me.

We don't have much information which would throw light on sources of finance, except what has been published in the daily papers. You may have seen reference to membership lists which have been carried in the paper. There is a group called the "Federation for Constitutional Government." The Board of Directors of this group contains some of the same names as State Citizens' Council and groups similar to them.

I am enclosing a copy of a Texas newspaper which carries a good account of the organization of the Citizens' Council in Kilgore. In the future, we expect to do a comprehensive round-up on the Citizens' Council and similar groups. Until then, we will let you know if we discover anything significant.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys
Enclosure

October 19, 1955

Dean Merrimon Cuninggim
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Dean Cuninggim:

I greatly appreciate your kind reply to my letter requesting an article for NEW SOUTH. I quite understand, it was impossible for you to agree to the request, particularly since I too am up against the deadline for the forthcoming issue of The Annals.

Your suggestion that Dr. Howard Grimes might be willing to do such an article for us was very much appreciated. I have written him.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

October 20, 1955

MEMORANDUM

To: Mrs. M. E. Tilly

From: GSM

For the Fellowship of the Concerned, and your work with the women, I suggest that notwithstanding the fact that practically no money remains to the credit of the Fellowship of the Concerned, you plan your own travel and the various state meetings of church women, in the ordinary course, through the end of the present calendar year. If as the end of the year approaches no further funds are in sight we would all have to re-plan; for the time being, move ahead, chargeable to SRC.

cc: RA
GSA

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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October 20, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

FROM: Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director

The meeting scheduled for November 9th at Tuskegee Institute is for the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council including state chairmen and representatives (ex-officio members of SRC's board). It does not include a staff meeting as we held last year.

FBR/ys

October 20, 1955

Reverend Carleton Pilsecker
Fairlawn Circle
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Reverend Pilsecker:

Your letter of October 18, 1955, requesting information on desegregation aids has been referred to me.

I am sending you some general information which we distribute free of charge. Also, I am sending you a copy of the Council's publication list. If there is anything in the list which might interest you, please let us know. The publication list does not include our last two issues of New South.

Our Tennessee affiliate, with office in Chattanooga, would be a great help to you,I am sure. You may contact the office manager, Clarense Hughes at Room 420, Jackson Building, Cherry and Seventh Streets, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Please feel free to call on us or Mr. Hughes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys
Enclosures

October 20, 1955

Mr. Ken Douty
American Civil Liberties Union
19 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Ken:

I am reminded (by our tickler) of the SRC files on the subject of the SCHW files, which I lent you a couple of months ago. Do get them back to us. 'Tis routine, but ultimately needful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 20, 1955

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. has a meeting in Atlanta going on just now of Conference Chairmen of their intergroup work. To it came Mrs. F. R. Crawford of Farmville.

She is clearly a very fine person indeed! I can see that she is already devotedly active with the Virginia Council of Churches, and you must know of her. And I am sure you would have her warm good wishes. But I mention her name on the off-chance that no one has tied her in with the Virginia Council on Human Relations.

The gathering in Atlanta let me talk to them a few minutes last evening.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 20, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Mrs. Earl Andrews* is the Chairman for the Presbyterians in Alabama of their intergroup work, and came lately to a Conference in Atlanta, which I had a chance to talk to briefly.

If she is not already related to the Alabama Council, you might perhaps hunt her up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Mrs. Earl Andrews*
Montgomery, Alabama

October 20, 1955

HCF:

This seems to be the contents of a kit on intergroup education, distributed by the National Education Association. I had the document from a Southern Presbyterian Conference yesterday.

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 20, 1955

Mr. Clarence L. Hughes
Room 420, Jackson Building
Cherry and 7th Streets
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Mrs. M. R. Wellford* is the Chairman for the Presbyterians in Tennessee of their intergroup work, and came lately to a Conference in Atlanta, which I had a chance to talk to briefly.

If she is not already related to the Tennessee Council, you might perhaps hunt her up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

*Mrs. M. R. Wellford
Memphis, Tennessee

October 20, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Mrs. W. F. Brown* is the Chairman for the Presbyterians in North Carolina of their intergroup work, and came lately to a Conference in Atlanta, which I had a chance to talk to briefly.

If she is not already related to the North Carolina Council, you might perhaps hunt her up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
*Mrs. W. F. Brown
Lexington, North Carolina

October 20, 1955

Mrs. M. J. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Mrs. J. E. Johnson* is the Chairman for the Presbyterians in Mississippi of their intergroup work, and came lately to a Conference in Atlanta, which I had a chance to talk to briefly.

If she is not already related to the Mississippi Council, you might perhaps hunt her up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

*Mrs. J. E. Johnson
Jackson, Mississippi

October 20, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Mrs. J. R. Sheppard* is the Chairman for the Presbyterians in Louisiana of their intergroup work, and came lately to a Conference in Atlanta, which I had a chance to talk to briefly.

If she is not already related to the Louisiana Council, you might perhaps hunt her up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

*Mrs. J. R. Sheppard
Alexandria, Louisiana

October 20, 1955

Mr. William K. Williams
324 Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

Mrs. J. B. Henry* is the Chairman for the Presbyterians in Florida of their intergroup work, and came lately to a Conference in Atlanta, which I had a chance to talk to briefly.

If she is not already related to the Florida Council, you might perhaps hunt her up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

*Mrs. J. B. Henry
Jacksonville, Florida

October 20, 1955

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

*

Mrs. C. B. Crumpler is the Chairman for the Presbyterians in Arkansas of their intergroup work, and came lately to a Conference in Atlanta, which I had a chance to talk to briefly.

If she is not already related to the Arkansas Council, you might perhaps hunt her up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

*Mrs. C. B. Crumpler
El Dorado, Arkansas

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October 20, 1955

Dear Executive Committee Member:

You recall that it is customary for the Executive Committee to report on its activities to the once-a-year meeting of the Board of Directors of SRC.

In the past this has been too perfunctorily done.

Here is a possible draft of such a report for your working over and adoption in altered form at the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee October 28th - 29th.

Sincerely,

George Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES 1954-55

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council has met five times since the last annual meeting of the Board. The dates on which the meetings were held were: November 23, 1954; February 17, 1955; May 26, 1955; August 16-18, 1955; and October 28-29, 1955. The August meeting was held at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky. All the rest were held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Committee's actions are here listed:

1. Charged chairmen of state organizations with the responsibility of employing only loyal Americans, and of signing a form so stating for SRC's permanent files. 11/23/54

2. As empowered by the Board, worded an amendment of SRC's By-Laws, Article V, Section 4, to provide for a Nominating Committee, which, meeting at least 30 days prior to annual meeting, would nominate: a) Members of the Council; b) Officers of the Council; c) Members of the Executive Committee; and d) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee (one of whom is to be a state chairman). The President and the Executive Committee shall appoint at least two more members. 11/23/54

3. Appointed a Program Planning Committee to work closely with the staff in planning program. 11/23/54

4. Carefully reviewed work of the staff and Program Planning Committee. 2/17/55

5. Pledged its own members to raise or give $100 each to SRC and invited the rest of the Board to do likewise. 2/17/55

6. Authorized the release of a "Statement by the Executive Committee, Southern Regional Council" which hailed the progress toward desegregation in 80 out of 129 border-state counties, summarized what was being done in the upper-South and Southwest, and deplored lack of progress in the hard core states. It strongly recommended the creation of local planning

committees by citizens of both races meeting in equal dignity. 2/17/55 (Statement released 3/6/55)

7. Authorized Harold Fleming, Assistant Director, to sign SRC checks. 2/17/55

8. Accepted with regret the resignation, effective July 15th, of Katherine Stoney and appointed Mrs. Ruth Alexander as Acting Secretary-Treasurer. 5/26/55

9. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff and approved a letter from the Executive Director to the Fund for the Republic proposing a reallocation of unspent state organization funds to be used for benefit of the state organizations. 5/26/55

10. Authorized funds for fee and travel for Morris Abram as special counsel on tax exemption hearing at Washington, D. C. 5/26/55

11. Heard a detailed report by Mrs. Grace Hamilton on her year's work with SRC and asked for a written report thereof. 5/26/55

12. Heard report of proposed state staff meeting at Camp New Hope, North Carolina, June 1-3. 5/26/55

13. Approved the idea of two-day Executive Committee meetings, out of Atlanta when practicable. 5/26/55

14. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff: Executive Director, information services, state organizations, women's work, financial situation. 8/16-18/55

15. Accepted with regret the resignation, for lack of time to attend meetings, of McDowell Richards from the Executive Committee (not from the Board) at his request. (He had been elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.) 8/16-18/55

16. Discussed the possibility of an "Awards Program" to Southern communities for good behavior in meeting the Supreme Court Decision. 8/16-18/55

17. Reviewed Mrs. Grace Hamilton's report and suggestions. Authorized payment of $350 to her for preparing it. 8/16-18/55

18. Requested of the Fund for the Republic an increased allotment during the second grant period to provide for a training program for state staff and boards. 8/16-18/55

19. Approved hiring an Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. 8/16-18/55

20. Discussed SRC sponsorship of a possible Southern Legal Reporting Service; approved the idea and agreed to accept its sponsorship if it were offered to SRC. 8/16-18/55

21. Decided that once the budget had been set no reallocation of funds should take place without the approval of the Executive Committee. 8/16-18/55

22. Requested that at future Executive Committee meetings only members and the Executive Director be present; reserving power (of course) to invite other staff members to meeting for specific reports on their work. 8/16-18/55

10/21/55
FBR/
eab

October 21, 1955

Mr. Emory Via
1221 East Fifty-Eighth Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Emory:

Ben Segal is promoting an idea to crack loose enough money for SRC to have on its staff a labor education guy who could educate the labor unions in the South on civil rights. I have been doing the job left-handedly, and I ~~[illegible]~~ need my left hand.

I told Ben that if he would crack loose some money, you were the guy to do the job.

What are your circumstances, and how long are you tied up on your fellowship deal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 21, 1955

Mr. Malcolm Bryan
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Marietta Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

The Governmental Affairs Institute in Washington (1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.) shoos around good guys imported with State Department blessing. They are sending to Atlanta to be here effective November 17, 18, and 19, a British M.P., (Labor) who has been Minister enough to be the Right Honorable Douglas Jay. Run-down on the attached.

He will be going to see Mr. Thrasher the Auditor at 10:30 on Thursday the 17th. Is there time that day or on Friday the 18th when he could see you? I judge a really interesting fellow. I know otherwise that the British are considering a capital gains tax, and I should think you could give him sound judgment on that (and many other) matters.

The GAI people asked me to make various arrangements for him. I shan't make many, but I do greatly hope you will talk with him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 21, 1955

Air Mail

Reservations Clerk
The Hotel Hollenden
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We have your confirmation of a single room with bath for Mr. George S. Mitchell, who is attending the National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare, to arrive November 1st and depart November 4th.

In order to be present at the meetings on time, Mr. Mitchell finds he will have to take a Capitol Air Lines' Flight which arrives in Cleveland at the airport the night of October 31st at around 9:15 p.m.

This letter is to request amendment of the previously confirmed reservation to: single room with bath for Mr. George S. Mitchell, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia, arriving October 31st, departing November 4th.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

[redacted]/eab

October 21, 1955

Mr. Benjamin Segal
Trade Union Consultant
1631 "K" Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Sorry about the planes.

Last July when Joe Mire was here with his Inter-University outfit for some Southwide conference, I told the whole bunch that the Summer of 1955 was the last one in which I could carry alone the load of educating the Southern labor movement on matters of civil rights. I gave one week last Summer each to a workers' education gathering at Fayetteville, Arkansas, Charlottesville, Virginia, Blue Ridge, North Carolina, Junaluska, North Carolina, Lexington Kentucky, Flagstaff, Arizona, and a scattering few of one-day stands in between. I thought it was worth it in almost any sacrifice in that particular Summer. But it is too big a hole out of other things for me.

The man who could take over the job is Emory Via. I assume that you know him or could find out all about him quickly. Adequately Southern, and possesses the techniques of workers education. It would cost about $15,000 to pay Emory a Quaker salary, pay his travel, pay a secretary, and pay a little for rent and supplies and communications, etc.

It would be well if you would explore the matter with John Connors and George Guernsey. If each of those men were to some degree committed ahead of time to use whomever were put on, then all would proceed smoothly. You would want, in addition, to talk with Staunton Smith at Chattanooga because he has the heaviest say-so on the Southern labor schools, A.F. of L.

I don't know exactly what Emory is doing in Chicago, but I think he is on somebody's fellowship for a year or so and is pushing a degree.

If you were going to pick up this job next Summer, he ought to come on to the job full-time no later than May 1st, and he ought to make a run to Chattanooga, Atlanta, and Washington in January or February to line up his Summer use of himself.

If you think well of this and will make it move ahead, I will be delighted. I think you will find that you will be offered friendly cooperation by George Guernsey and John Connors.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. I am off tonight, for instance, for a one-day stand in Miami to educate the A. F. of L. Central labor union around there on just these matters. Glad to do it, but somebody else ought to be available to do it.

October 24, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Toombs
2871 Normandy Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear The Toombses:

Nothing does as much to make our job easier than good strong friends who help morally and with cash money!

We are deeply grateful to the Toombses through Phil Hammer.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.: SRC official receipt $25.00
cc: Mr. Philip Hammer

October 24, 1955

Mr. Philip Hammer
70 Fairlie Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jane and Phil:

I have sent the enclosed notes to the Toombses and to Mrs. MacDougall.

Twenty-five dollars of personal money is no light sum, and $100 worth of energy in organizing $100 in cash is still more. We are deeply grateful to you for being on the honor roll!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.: SRC official receipt $25.00
Copies of ltrs to Mrs. MacDougall and
to Mr. and Mrs. Toombs

October 24, 1955

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

That was a bang-up editorial from the Greensboro Daily News. I do thank you for sending it. They took exactly the right turn.

The whole Cook episode makes things pop, but we keep on trying to ward off bullets as they get aimed at us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Clip to HCF

October 24, 1955

Mr. J. Claude Evans
Methodist Advocate
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Claude:

Thank you for your letter of October 21 requesting information about Communism and Race. I would suggest that you get hold of two books (1) Negro and Communism by C. W. Record and (2) An American Dilemma by Gunnar Myrdil. Both of these books are on authoritative study and should be a great help to you.

In the event it is impossible to obtain copies of the books in the library in Columbia, we could send them to you on loan. About your best bet would be the university libraries and most particularly the special library of the Department of Sociology.

I enjoyed the evening in your home very much and thought you had a very charming wife.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/ys

October 24, 1955

Mrs. R. L. MacDougall
4141 Club Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. MacDougall:

That was mighty kind of you to be of such substantial help to Phil and to all of us.

We are mighty grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.: SRC official receipt $50.00
cc: Mr. Philip Hammer

October 24, 1955

Mr. J. C. Ezenekwe
Director
African Cultural Society, Inc.
242 East Fourteenth Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Ezenekwe:

I am mighty sorry that I was not here when you were in Atlanta, and came to see us. I send you, separately, and with much pleasure, some pamphlets about the things we do. I also send a publications list.

I am sorry we don't have any mailing lists, but we do gladly accept subscriptions to our monthly magazine, New South, and would gladly add you to its list. But it costs $2.00.

Meanwhile, if we can ever be helpful to you by mail we would wish to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
New South, March - September, 1955
Answers for Action
SRC publications list
SRC promotion leaflet
Changing Patterns' promotion leaflet

October 24, 1955

Mrs. J. Russell Henderson
110 North Cedar Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Henderson:

Happy to come to be available for your meeting Wednesday evening, November 30th. I am promised to be in Atlanta the afternoon before, which means that I would have to depend upon the plane to get me to Fort Worth. I never like to do that because every now and then the planes don't fly. But where I can only travel by plane, I am willing to agree to come, providing those organizing the meeting understand that my arrival is contingent upon the planes.

It would also be necessary for your meeting to find the bare expenses of my getting over and back.

If this is all right, I will come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 24, 1955

Mr. W. E. Garnett
Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station
Department of Agricultural Economics and
Rural Sociology
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Professor Garnett:

During last Summer there was organized the Virginia Council on Human Relations. They employed Jack Marion of Richmond as their Executive Director, and William Cooper of Hampton as their part-time Associate Director. They have an office at 100 East Franklin Street in Richmond. Quite a distinguished body of Virginians make up their Board of Directors.

We give the various states a high degree of autonomy within broad allegiance to the general program of the Southern Regional Council.

I send you recent issues of New South, a publications list, and a folder about a new good pamphlet which you ought to use textwise. That is the one called Changing Patterns in the New South. Mighty good stuff; and stuff that is otherwise hard to come by.

I will also send some things to Mrs. Mary Fessler. Mary and I were fotched up together, though she is nearly a generation below me.

Appreciatively

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
New South, February - September '55
Changing Patterns' promotion leaflet
Answers for Action
SRC publications list

October 24, 1955

Mrs. Mary Fessler
Blacksburg,
Virginia

Dear Mary:

Nice old Dr. Garnett says I should send you some booklets. I do send them separately.

We have got going a Virginia Council on Human Relations, of which Jack Marion is the Director. Office at 100 East Franklin Street in Richmond. Good people. Mrs. Theodore Adams is one of its directors.

I remember with pleasure our visit in the deeps of Oregon, if that is where it was. And I never think of the Tappahannock neighborhood without remembering that Charles is thereabouts. Has Dr. Ryland's book come out? I am anxious to see it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
New South, March - September '55
Changing Patterns' promotion leaflet
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October 24, 1955

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

You prop me at a weak corner. The Attorney General of Georgia is mppping up the floor with me and my Southern Regional Council. He said, in his speech the other day, that the NAACP was riddled with communist-fronters and that the Southern Regional Council was a sinister influence fronting for something -- I was never sure whether it was the NAACP or the Communist Party. It is dangerous business in Georgia to be in favor of doing what the Supreme Court said!

All over the South it is a source of encouragement and stimulus to us all to find the clergy and the bishops and so many lay people standing up stoutly for what is right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 24, 1955

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

When there was opportunity I have pushed ahead the matter R. L. Hunt raised in his original letter of June 20th to David Freeman -- the possibility of getting a study made of the law as to the operation of integrated schools by churches in states in which integration is resisted. You will remember that at the end of August I wrote my cousin, Allen Easley at Wake Forest, and asked him to try to find a proper person to do the job. He wrote that perhaps an Associate Professor of Law there, one Ernest W. Machen, Jr., would be delighted to do it. But on October 3rd, Machen wrote that it didn't suit him to take up the matter.

I went out the other day and talked to Dean William M. Hepburn of the Law School at Emory University. Discussed the matter and left the file with the Dean. Dean Hepburn in a day or two turned up Professor Arthur Miller of the Emory Law School as a suitable person. I went out this afternoon and interviewed Professor Miller at his residence address, 3345 North Druid Hills Road, Atlanta, where the telephone number is MElrose 4-3543.

Miller is interested, and would like to do such a study. I should say that he is 43; and mildly on the liberal side. He will be writing in the next few days to David Freeman, making a proposal for some fellowship arrangement. It is preliminarily agreed that the paper would be presented for publication by some reputable law review; and it is also agreed that on publication, the Southern Regional Council may negotiate de novo for permission to use or reissue the printed article.

Dean Hepburn's secretary is presently committed to securing for me a curriculum vitae of Professor Arthur Miller, if she can find out exactly what a curriculum vitae is. As soon as I get this item I will send it on to you.

I return now the file as thus far built up. Miller has made a note or two as to what he wanted, particularly in the magazine.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 24, 1955

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

George Guernsey, Education Department, CIO, 718 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., says he is willing to assume the modest expenses of a trip by yourself or yourself and Christopher Mercer over to Norman for the Thursday evening appearance. The bill for the travel involved should be sent to George Guernsey at his office in Washington. I think he is running the school at minimum expense, and hopes that the bill can be modest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 24, 1955

Mr. B. D. Burhoe
National Information Bureau, Inc.
205 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Burhoe:

This is in reply to your letter of October 21st to Miss Stoney. Miss Stoney has gone down to a job in Houston, Texas, and her successor here is Mrs. Ruth Alexander, acting Secretary-Treasurer.

Meanwhile, I hasten to send you an audit for the year, 1954, and a tentative budget for the fiscal year, October 1 - September 30, 1955-56. The liklihood is that this budget will be adopted with some modifications by a meeting of the Executive Committee, which will come in a few days. I send, also, a list of officers and directors of the Southern Regional Council.

I regret to say that we do not make a printed annual report. A mimeographed report is prepared each quarter and sent to our Board members, but it hasn't been generally released.

Copies of recent publications are also in the list of items.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls:
- *New South*, March - September, 1955
- *Changing Patterns*' promotion leaflet
- *Answers for Action*
- *Grey Leaflet* - SRC promotion
- SRC publications list
- Proposed Budget '55-56
- Annual Audit, 1954

October 24, 1955

Mr. Fred K. Darragh
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

We have this day received notification from the Arkansas Council on Human Relations of a change in its Constitution, Article VI, Section I, changing the language to read "The Board shall consist of 15 to 45 members..." from "The Board shall consist of 15 to 30 members...", this action being taken at the annual meeting of the Arkansas Council at Little Rock on October 17, 1955.

Approval of this change is hereby granted by the Southern Regional Council as provided in Article IX of the Arkansas Council Constitution.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/ys

cc. Nat Griswold

October 25, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

Here is the info on Arthur Miller.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Curriculum Vitae - Arthur S. Miller

October 25, 1955

Miss Priscilla Mohr
151 Princeton
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Miss Mohr:

I send you what we think the most helpful pamphlet; it is called Answers for Action. I also send some recent issues of our monthly magazine, New South.

Mrs. R. S. Lyells at 1104 Lynch Street in Jackson is Director of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations, and she could be helpful to you also.

I admire Mr. Weston, and I am glad we are both his friends.

Proper if you could send us a dollar for the pamphlets; but not compulsory.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
Answers for Action
New South, March - September, 1955

October 25, 1955

Mr. Mosell C. Hill
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mosell:

This is an obviously interesting Britisher who will be in Atlanta from late evening of Wednesday, November 16th, until noon Saturday, November 19th. The Governmental Affairs Institute is touring him around. I attach a run-down on him.

He wrote me October 22nd from Wisconsin and said -- what I had understood from his sponsors -- that he is willing to make speeches; nice to receive modest fees, but is willing to make speeches without. Knows about affairs in Britain, international affairs, particularly interested in racial matters, and was in Russia in the Spring of 1955 and has glimmerings of conditions there.

If Atlanta University has any way to use him, I will be glad to do my part in saving time. His only two present engagements are at 10:30 on November 17th and luncheon on November 18th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: Biographical Info - Mr. Douglas Jay

October 25, 1955

Mr. Armand May
American Associated Companies
P. O. Box 4056
Atlanta 2, Georgia

Dear Mr. May:

Here is the list of the current members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. By my count it adds up to 74.

These people are the Southern Regional Council. Except for these, we have only associate members who live outside the South, pay modest dues, and have no vote.

Those marked with the symbol for ex-officio are in almost all instances chairmen of affiliated state organizations. Those marked with the symbol for state representatives are elected to the Board of SRC by the state organizations. The other members were either elected at the last meeting of the general membership, or (under altered by-laws) have been elected by the Board itself.

We always welcome your interest in the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 26, 1955

Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
Board of Women's Work
Presbyterian Church in the United States
341-A Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Miss Jenkins:

The gratitude is all mine for the opportunity to be with that sincere, stable, and influential body of women. I was greatly impressed with the devotion and the wish to reach to the inwardness of these perplexing problems.

For the booklets. I brought out twelve copies of *Changing Patterns in the New South*, and I would think about ten copies of *Answers for Action*. *Changing Patterns* is 50¢ and *Answers for Action* is 20¢. If some of them sold and you will send us a check, we will be most grateful. No earthly need for you to take on responsibility for the left-overs; I will stop by and pick them up at your office.

Call on us again; no one we would rather serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 26, 1955

Mr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Barbare:

We will miss you at Tuskegee and will hope to the end that you get there.

I can quite understand that you would be in something of a box. I think one side of the box opens neatly. You were elected for a term which turned out by lot to be two years. You very kindly took the job and served, and served helpfully, to us all. The end of your term coincides with the Board meeting November 9, 1955. Unless the Nominating Committee presses for your re-election (and I believe they do not plan to do so) you will have served your term of office with everyone's gratitude.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 26, 1955

Mr. Thurgood Marshall
Director and Counsel
NAACP Legal Defense
 and Educational Fund, Inc.
107 West 43rd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Marshall:

In the Texas Observer for August 30, 1955, we find the following news script, "The Week in Texas", page 8.

> An independent Houston theater owner has already been awarded $20,000 damages from twelve major motion picture companies, is now charging in the courts that the companies refused to furnish him with first-run movies.

My question is, how does this apply to those Negro petition signers in South Carolina who are being refused services by the Coca Cola and other similar companies?

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/ys

October 26, 1955

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

MacLenn~~os~~'s a busy one, isn't he ?

I have written him as enclosed. He might be able to do it. If Quentin Whyte doesn't care to push the man we need none of us worry much, but if he can through his own push get sent over, I would be glad to be sure he gets taught (and used)!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 26, 1955

Mrs. C. A. Bender
Woman's Division of Christian Service of the
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Bender:

Thank you a whole lot for the check and for very kind words.

I have learned, through these last ten years, that the Methodist women everywhere are informed and sincere and sound. So, it is always a delight to be with any group of them; and expecially with a picked group.

Best to all of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

10/26/55

Mr. Hugh Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

Sometime ago, I had occasion to talk closely with Paul Christopher about recruiting members and money for SRC. Paul is the Regional Director for the upper Southern states for the CIO, and is a member of the Executive Committee of SRC. I have known him for years and greatly admire his personal and political integrity, and the wisdom of his judgment.

One of Paul's good friends is Estes Riffe, 406 Vaughn Building, Louisville 2. He is an organiser for the Steelworkers, and also is a member of the Industrial Union Council for the CIO, which is all the CIO workers in the state. I quite understand that the CIO isn't the strongest labor group in Kentucky, but we would be helped, I should think, if some of their people took memberships in the Kentucky Council on Human Relations.

Paul tells me that if you will go over and see Estes Riffe, you would have pretty good chance of persuading him to get quite a number of people in the labor movement in Kentucky to join in with the Kentucky Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Paul Christopher

October 26, 1955

Mr. Edwin B. Henderson
307 West Fairfax Street
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Your letter and its much news are most helpful and interesting. How well the Muse article sums up; and how spritely and vigorous the Clearing House publication is.

I have long been an admirer of Dr. Tinsley; but I am delighted that you have taken on this gravely responsible position. You have heard me quote what my father frequently said: "Virginia people move slowly; but in the end they move reasonably." These are the months of slow motion. But in two or three years time at most, reasonable action will come along well. It is not like Virginia to pout and sulk and defy the law. The Virginia character has a good streak of generosity in it. And that will work its way to the surface. On the other hand, I would certainly agree that it is needful to press steadily and firmly for all that the decision grants.

We are deeply grateful to you for sending in the $2.00 for New South. I send you for a bonus the available earlier issues of 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
New South - March - September, 1955
Promotion Leaflet CPNS
Promotion Leaflet SRC
Statement of Policy SRC

Encl: SRC official recipt $2.00

October 26, 1955

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Harold Fleming will come November 5th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

10/26/55
3 P.M.

MR. DAVIS MCENTIRE
2180 MILVIA STREET
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

SHOOTING FOR NOVEMBER 21 CONFERENCE DATE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY INVITEES

IF NOT SUITABLE PLEASE INFORM.

HAROLD C. FLEMING

October 27, 1955

Mr. Kenneth H. Ford
Walter Colton Junior High School
Monterey Public Schools
Monterey, California

Dear Mr. Ford:

I am enclosing the September issue of NEW SOUTH, our publications list, the contents of CHANGING PATTERNS IN THE NEW SOUTH, and other materials which may be of value in the teaching of your unit on "Democracy." The cost of NEW SOUTH is twenty cents which you may remit to us in coin or stamps.

Very truly yours,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

October 27, 1955

Miss Myrna Lee Kirk
Drain Union High School
Drain, Oregon

Dear Miss Kirk:

I am sending you, under separate cover, several of our publications to assist your class in its study of racial problems and intolerance. The cost of these is seventy cents which you may remit to us in coin or stamps. In addition, other free materials are included. Please note that some of these materials refer to sources from which you may secure other useful information. Also, you might request the bibliography entitled "The Negro and Race Relations" from the Department of Social Sciences, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

A copy of our publications list is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

Enclosure

October 27, 1955

Mrs. Donald R. Fessler
111 Monte Vista Drive
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Fessler:

The pamphlets which you requested in your letter of October 21st have been mailed to you. However, you may find the report of desegregated institutions on page seven of the enclosed issue of NEW SOUTH helpful. An article by Dr. Guy Johnson entitled "New Ways on the Campus" is also in this issue. The cost of the publication is twenty cents which you may remit to us in coin or stamps. In addition I am sending you a bibliography prepared in our office which includes a section on "Desegregation in Higher Education."

Very truly yours,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

October 27, 1955

Mr. George C. Johnson, Jr.
107 Hermitage Hall
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Acknowledgement is made of your request for information on "Transportation". We are uncertain as to your specific area of interest, but assume that you are primarily concerned with the adequacy and status of transportation in Raleigh, North Carolina. Our files do not contain any reports on Raleigh, but we suggest that you use the transportation questionnaire in our manual, Your Community Looks At Itself, as a guide in collecting the desired information.

The librarians at the State Library and the North Carolina Supreme Court Library (both of which are in Raleigh) can probably direct you to reports of statutory regulations and litigation affecting transportation in North Carolina and Raleigh.

Copies of our publication list and the contents of Changing Patterns In The New South are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

Enclosures

October 27, 1955

Mr. Harold Nelson
325 New Street
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Nelson:

I would like to suggest some sources of information which may help you in your study of "Negro Business from 1860 to the Present".

Negro Business and Business Education by Joseph A. Pierce, published in 1947 by Harper and Brothers, contains historical information and detailed bibliographies. The Bureau of the Census published a Census of Business for 1929, 1939, 1947 and 1954 and information on white and non-white operation is included. From 1941 through 1952 the U. S. Department of Commerce sponsored an annual conference on the "Negro in Business" under the direction of Mr. Emmer Lancaster who was then Special Advisor on Negro Affairs. Perhaps reports of these conferences are available. In addition, the Business Information Service of the U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington can provide much helpful material on Negro owned businesses.

I am enclosing copies of our publication list and the contents to Changing Patterns In The New South.

Very truly yours,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

October 28, 1955

Mr. J. P. Lewis, Principal
Bridgeforth School
Pulaski, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Lewis:

In accordance with your request we are sending you a copy of Greenville's Big Idea and the more recent report, Greenville's Big Idea Grows .

A copy of our publications list and other materials are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

Enclosures

October 28, 1955

Mr. Henry Lee Moon
Director of Public Relations
NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Moon:

Please send us four copies of the constitution and by-laws of the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People. If there is a pamphlet on the history of the NAACP we would like to have several copies. In addition, we are in need of the 1953 and 1954 Annual Reports of the NAACP.

Kindly bill the Council for the requested materials for which there are charges.

Very truly yours,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

October 28, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
The Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This letter comes to request maternity leave from the Southern Regional Council, effective November 15, 1955. I would be very pleased if leave could be granted to me for a period of six months, to terminate May 15, 1956. However, if for any reason that is considered too much time, I would make every effort to return to work at the end of a five months' period.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary

EAB/
cc: RA

GSM's reply:

I would prefer five; six is available if you need and wish it.

Sincerely, and good luck'.

/s/ George S. Mitchell

October 28, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

One day last week the Attorney General of Georgia, Eugene Cook, made a speech to the Georgia Peace Officers Association. For pages and pages he scandalized the NAACP. Towards the end, he got around to the Southern Conference Education Fund (sic), and us and the Georgia Interracial Committee, and paid his respects as enclosed. We answered as enclosed, and the Georgia Committee's answer is also herewith.

Pending advice by our Executive Committee, which meets this afternoon and tomorrow, the staff has been proposing to play the matter by informing a goodish number of people influential in opinion in the state as to the untruth of the charges. A statement drafted to accomplish that purpose is also enclosed, but because this later statement is subject to revision by our Executive Committee, the present draft is as yet unofficial.

The man, Roy Harris, continues to load his weekly paper with accusations against us, and material calculated to injure the sales of Ford products.

Otherwise, all quiet on this front!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 28-29, 1955

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Daily File

Mr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, presiding

AGENDA

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Executive Director

Report of Secretary-Treasurer

Attacks on SRC

Program needs and means

Amendments to By-laws

Report on resignations from Board

Finance Committee of Board

Action if any for 1956 contributions by Executive Committee

Confirmation of secretary-treasurer and action on her salary

Executive Committee's nominations (2) to 1956 Nominating Committee

Budget for 1955-56

Other business

Adjournment

October 31, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I am in hopes that whatever you propose to do about choice of successor to Leonard Haas as Counsel will be done in time for the November 9th meeting to elect. Hasty inspection does not show me any means whereby the Executive Committee (as distinct from the Board) can legally fill that office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eqb

October 31, 1955

Mr. Michael Farrell
1003 Elisabeth Street
Midland, Michigan

Dear Mr. Farrell:

Ralph McGill asked us to send you some things helpful for your Conference. I hasten to send off various of our own publications. You ought to send us about a dollar to pay for them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Under separate cover:
- Answers for Action
- New South, March-September, 1955
- SRC publications list
- SRC promotion leaflet

cc: RA

October 31, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I got Fred Routh, using a memo from C. H. Parrish, to draw up this job description for John Hope. I have reviewed it in detail and liked it.

If Mr. Wright would write his views on it to Mr. Clement, it should be possible in the very near future to get an approved job description.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Encl. - Proposed Job Description for Assistant Director for Program

PROPOSED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM

Using an extensive knowledge of community programs and Southern movements, under the supervision of the Executive Director and with the cooperation of the Assistant Director for State Organizations and assistance from other staff members, to coordinate the training of state staff personnel and their boards and program committee members in program design, development, and execution. To recruit highly skilled professional persons to serve as consultants in such training programs. To develop standardized criteria for evaluating effectiveness of state programs. To use such criteria in evaluating program in the states. In cooperation with the rest of the professional staff, under the supervision of the Executive Director, to originate and develop suitable program activities for the central office.

October 31, 1955

Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
Board of Women's Work
Presbyterian Church in the United States
341-A Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Miss Jenkins:

We do appreciate the $3.50. I consider that a handsome sum in cash money! I will stop by some afternoon and pick up the ones that are left.

With warm appreciation,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

files

Mailed 10/31/55

October 26, 1955

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

I am writing up the stepped-up central office program for Montgomery Bradley, and he should have it in a few days. I am also exploring our wisest measures in Arkansas for assisting the request.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Mailed 10/31/55

October 26, 1955

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

When we asked the Fund for the Republic for the second installment of money, we asked them to add to it $30,000 to do such a program as is here described in a letter to Montgomery Bradley. F for R, as it turned out, gave us what they had agreed to give us and not this on top.

Still, we think about this kind of program as the most useful contribution we could make.

On careful advice, I went over to see Montgomery Bradley in the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. He wasn't particularly hopeful, but he was interested. I have written him this great long letter explaining what we want.

I think, myself, that we have got a bit better chance of getting this essential step-up if your Arkansas Rockefeller brother should happen to like it.

Will you ponder for a few days the involvements of my coming down to talk to Fred Darragh or Ed Dunaway, or conceivably to Mr. Rockefeller himself. There is also the matter of getting Harry Ashmore (though in absentia) to understand the proposal.

I am not yet ready to ask for help in setting up appointments, but I want you and Mercer to be thinking about how an approach would be made.

Also, I need to be watchful lest this central office stand in the light of its own effort in Arkansas; which we don't want to do.

Probably in a week or so I will call you up and we can discuss the matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

Father Albert S. Foley, S. J.
Spring Hill College
Spring Hill Station
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

All straight, and I will be there December 5th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 31, 1955

Mr. Alexander Miller
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Alex:

You will have heard that the Attorney General of Georgia jumped on us. Here is what Harold turned out. We haven't treated it as a direct reply, but we want our friends to be reminded of these facts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

Mr. Harry Wright
United Negro College Fund
22 East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Harry:

I had not been many days back when the Attorney General of Georgia jumped on us in his big speech against the NAACP. This is what answered him, though we have not pushed it for publication.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

Mr. Paul Webb
Fulton County Courthouse
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Webb:

Two or three days ago we completed this rather extended manuscript on the history of the Southern Regional Council, with some reference to the present attack by the Attorney General of Georgia. I take pleasure in sending you a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

Mr. James A. Mackay
1245 Ridgewood Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jamie:

Here is a more extended treatment of the business about Cook.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

Mr. George Goodwin
Vice-President
First National Bank
Arcade Annex Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

Here is a more extended treatment of the controversy with Cook.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

Here is a more extended manuscript we are circulating to people influential in opinion making in the state of Georgia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

Week before last, in a speech mainly jumping on the NAACP, the Attorney General of Georgia took some sideswipes at us. Said we were a front group. But I never got quite clear on whether we were fronting for the NAACP or the Communist Party.

We have prepared this manuscript and have circulated it among people influential in making opinion in Georgia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

Miss Sophie Van S. Theis
The Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Theis:

Week before last, the Attorney General of Georgia, one Eugene Cook, made a speech to the Georgia Peace Officers Association. Most of it was an ill-based diatribe against the NAACP. But toward the end he took a passing swipe at us. We issued some public replies which are enclosed, and have circulated to people influential in opinion making over the state the longer manuscript, a copy of which is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 31, 1955

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Last week, in a speech mainly fussing at the NAACP, the Attorney General of Georgia took some sideswipes at us. Here is a manuscript reviewing our history and giving to our friends our side of the controversy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

Mr. James B. Carey
Secretary-Treasurer
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Carey:

October 19th the Attorney General of Georgia, Eugene Cook, made a big speech fussing at the NAACP. Toward the end he took some swipes at the Southern Regional Council and its affiliated Georgia Interracial Committee. We put out some public replies, which are enclosed, and circulated to quite a number of people in the state the enclosed longer manuscript on the history and work of the Council.

I wanted you to be informed of the controversy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/gmb
Encls.

October 31, 1955

Mr. George Meany
The American Federation of Labor
1525 "H" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meany:

October 19th the Attorney General of Georgia, Eugene Cook, in a long speech to the Georgia Peace Officers Association made a baseless case that the NAACP is red and bad. In the course of the speech he took some sideswipes at our Southern Regional Council. The press releases from us are enclosed, and there is a longer manuscript which was circulated to people in the state.

The Attorney General is widely off base. We wanted to be certain that you were supplied with all the facts in the controversy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 31, 1955

Mr. Lew Rhodes
Regional Director
American Federation of Labor
Hurt Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Lew:

You will remember that week before last the Attorney General of Georgia in a long speech, mostly accusing the NAACP of all sorts of bad things, took some sideswipes at the Southern Regional Council and its affiliated Georgia Interracial Committee. Our replies in the press are enclosed. I send, also, a longer manuscript giving the true history of the Council and some refutation of Mr. Cook's charges. I wanted to be sure that you are informed of the whole controversy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 31, 1955

Mr. Charlie Gillman
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Charlie:

We did a longish manuscript on the Cook business to send around to various people. Do please read it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

Mr. David J. McDonald
President
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

On October 19th the Attorney General of Georgia made a speech, mainly denouncing the NAACP. In the course of it he took some sideswipes at the Southern Regional Council.

The Steelworkers generally help the Southern Regional Council.

We have prepared a description of the Council and some counter-arguments, in addition to press releases. I wanted to be sure that a copy of the longer manuscript reached you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 31, 1955

Mr. L. S. Buckmaster
President
United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum & Plastic
   Workers of America
URW Building
High at Mill Street
Akron 8, Ohio

Dear Mr. Buckmaster:

On October 19th the Attorney General of Georgia made a speech, mainly denouncing the NAACP. In the course of it he took some sideswipes at the Southern Regional Council.

The Rubber Workers generally help the Southern Regional Council.

We have prepared a description of the Council and some counter-arguments, in addition to press releases. I wanted to be sure that a copy of the longer manuscript reached you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 31, 1955

Mr. Arthur A. Elder
International Ladies' Garment
Workers' Union
American Federation of Labor
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Art:

On October 19th the Attorney General of Georgia made a speech, mainly denouncing the NAACP. In the course of it he took some sideswipes at the Southern Regional Council.

The ILGWU generally helps the Southern Regional Council.

We have prepared a description of the Council and some counter-arguments, in addition to press releases. I wanted to be sure that a copy of the longer manuscript reached you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 31, 1955

Mr. David Dubinsky
International Ladies Garment
Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 31, 1955

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stevens:

The Attorney General of Georgia, in a big speech fussing at the NAACP, took some swipes at the Southern Regional Council. We gave out proper releases and then circulated to influential people this longer manuscript. I wanted to be sure a copy reached you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 31, 1955

Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
Presbyterian Committee on Woman's Work
341A Ponce de Leon
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Annie Tait:

Some days after the Attorney General of Georgia, in his anti-NAACP speech, spoke accusingly of SRC, we prepared this longish manuscript giving the facts. I wanted to be sure that a copy reached you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 31, 1955

Mr. Malcolm Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
Division of Christian Relations
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

We put together the truth about SRC, and have sent it around to influential people in Georgia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

Mr. Lewis Deer
222 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

The Attorney General of Georgia made a big speech October 19th, and fussed mightily at the NAACP which he said was full of reds. Then he said that we were a front too! But he never said whether we were a front for the NAACP or the CP. Anyway, we have put together the facts and circulated them. I circulate the facts to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

Mr. Alexander Sharp
National Missions Board
Presbyterian Church in the USA
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Sharp:

The Attorney General of Georgia, on October 19th, made a big speech fussing at the NAACP. And in the course of it took some swipes at SRC. We got him answered in the press, and have circulated to thoughtful people a longer manuscript about SRC.

Perhaps, in a busy life, you can find time to read what we wrote.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

The Right Reverend R. R. Claiborne
2744 Peachtree Road, N. E.
The Cathedral
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Claiborne:

Since my visit to you the other day, we have turned out an extended manuscript on the Southern Regional Council, a copy of which it is a pleasure to send you.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 31, 1955

Mr. Walter Reuther
President
United Automobile Workers
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

On October 19th the Attorney General of Georgia made a speech, mainly denouncing the NAACP. In the course of it he took some sideswipes at the Southern Regional Council.

The Automobile Workers generally help the Southern Regional Council.

We have prepared a description of the Council and some counter-arguments, in addition to press releases. I wanted to be sure that a copy of the longer manuscript reached you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

THE GEORGIA COMMITTEE ON INTERRACIAL COOPERATION
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Members of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation called on Governor Griffin on Monday, October 31, 1955, and asked him to appoint a bi-racial committee which would have the responsibility of studying all aspects of the race problem and advising him and the legislature on effective means of dealing with the problem.

The Governor told the group of educators and ministers that he would not appoint such a committee as he did not "think any useful purpose could be served by such a committee."

The group which called on the Governor included Dr. Guy Wells, executive secretary of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation and president emeritus of Georgia State College for Women; Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, Athens minister and president of the Georgia Council of Churches; Dr. E. G. Mackay, superintendent of the Oxford Methodist District; Dr. George E. Clary, executive secretary, Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, Methodist Church; Mrs. Stewart Colley, Georgia Council of Church Women's president; Dr. J. McDowell Richards, president, Columbia Theological Seminary; and Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church.

Although not present at the conference with the Governor, Bishop Arthur J. Moore met with the Georgia Committee members in a pre-planning session and concurred with the proposed program presented to the Governor.

The Georgia Committee delegation also pointed out to the Governor the purpose of the group they represented and advocated legal procedures that would allow local determination and resolution of the school segregation problem. They pointed out that the plan of resolving problems at the local level is a "democratic one."

The Governor said he does not plan to give any encouragement to the abolition of segregation in the schools. He said, "I don't want to be arbitrary but I am not going to appoint such a mixed group."

Dr. Kirkpatrick said the proposed committee would give Negro citizens as well as white persons on both sides of the issue a chance to be heard.

Governor Griffin said, "I don't care what the Supreme Court says, I will cut off funds to any schools and close them before we have integration here."

When the Governor reiterated that he would not appiont a committee and said that he had taken an oath to uphold the Constitution of Georgia, Dr. Wells reminded the Governor that he also took "an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States."

Dr. Mackay, during the conference, criticized Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook for his recent pronouncements describing those favoring possible integration as "fuzzy intellectuals and do-gooders." Dr. Mackay said the Attorney General had "insulted every clergyman in Georgia."

November 1, 1955

Mr. Nat R. Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thanks for your suggestion that we print the two Supreme Court decisions and Leflor's interpretation as an inexpensive pamphlet.

Just now our printing budget is sprained and we are under some pressure to publish other types of materials -- principally a "handbook" in the tradition of our two booklets Questions and Answers and Answers for Action.

FBR - Are we? →

Meanwhile, I note that Southern School News is making available reprints of Leflor's article at $2.25 per hundred. We are advising all the state groups of this. Would that serve your purpose for the time being?

The recent clips have been much appreciated. If the adverse publicity on Routh and Osborne has any further consequences, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

November 1, 1955

Mr. Patrick McCauley
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156
Acklen Station
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McCauley:

We have received the Leflor-Davis manuscript, extracted the necessary information, and returned it to the Joint University Library.

We greatly appreciate your prompt and effective help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

November 1, 1955

Dr. Frank C. Foster
University of Maine
Orono, Maine

Dear Dr. Foster:

I greatly appreciated your recent letter and subscription to NEW SOUTH.

It is good to know that our material was useful in your workshop last summer. Any time we can assist you and your work, let us know -- or better yet pay us another visit.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

November 1, 1955

Mr. Thomas H. Dunigan, Principal
Oak Ridge High School
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Dunigan:

We here at the Council read with interest the newspaper accounts of your speech before the East Tennessee Negro teachers. We like the comments in the news account.

We wonder if it would be possible for you to send us a copy of the speech, and if we might have permission to print the speech or a portion of it.

Again we are delighted to hear of the good work you and other members of the Oak Ridge Community are doing.

Thank you for any consideration you may extend to us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys

November 1, 1955

Mr. Benjamin Segal
Trade Union Consultant
1631 K. Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Unfortunately, we have nothing of value on Dr. Benson and Harding College. However, I am forwarding your letter to our affiliated group in Arkansas with the request that they write you.

I believe also that the Anti-Defamation League has kept pretty close tabs on Harding College and should have a good file.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

cc. Nat Griswold
HCF/ys

November 1, 1955

Mr. Donald F. Sullivan
Associate Director
The National Conference
of Christians & Jews, Inc.
1615 Chemical Building
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

It was very thoughtful of you to send me a copy of your annual report. I read it with interest and admiration.

I was much impressed with the whole inter-group spirit in St. Louis and only wish I had had longer to learn from it.

My best regards to you and to Virgil Border.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

November 2, 1955

Professor Nicholas J. Demerath
Department of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Professor Demerath:

We have been requested by Mr. Davis McEntire, Research Director of Housing, to arrange an informal one-day conference of people familiar with bi-racial aspects of housing in the South. The purpose of the conference, in Mr.McEntire's words, is to help the Commission "choose the most fruitful foci of research in the South."

This is to invite you to take part in such a meeting in Atlanta on November 21. Final details will be fixed shortly; meanwhile, tentative plans are to hold the meeting at Atlanta University, beginning at 10 A. M. and ending no later than 4 P. M. Travel and other expenses will, of course, be paid by the Commission.

The Commission on Race and Housing, as you may know, is an independent commission recently established under a grant from the Fund for the Republic. Its research office is located in Berkeley, California.

The Commission would be greatly benefitted by your experience with an insight into the problems of housing and race in the South, and we earnestly hope you will find it possible to attend.

Since we are inviting a quite limited number of persons -- no more than twelve -- I will appreciate an early answer from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

November 2, 1955

Mr. Paul Hutchinson, Editor
THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY
407 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

We here at the Council think the article "Ironies of '55, Southern Style", by James Dabbs is excellent. We wonder if you will give us permission to reprint it in our magazine NEW SOUTH or to mimeograph it. Of course, we would obtain permission from Mr. Dabbs also. Mr. Dabbs, as you may know, is a member of our Board of Directors.

Thank you for any considerations in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys

November 2, 1955

Dr. Herman Long
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Long:

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Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HF/ys

November 3, 1955

Mrs. J. H. Joiner
Route #1, Box 5-L
Maitland, Florida

Dear Mrs. Joiner:

I regret that I did not realize that I was expected to give you a date, when I received your letter of June 2. I waited for more information from you.

A letter from Mrs. Sarvis suggested that I name a date in which I could be in Orlando. If you are still wanting a meeting, I could be with you between Thanksgiving and December 1.

If this is agreeable, please let me know quickly as my dates have a habit of being filled up rather quickly.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET/ys

November 3, 1955

Rev. G. Jackson Stafford
First Baptist Church
Batesburg, South Carolina

Dear Rev. Stafford:

This is to acknowledge your letter to Dr. Mitchell of October 28. In his absence from the office, we have begun to explore the possibilities of scholarship aid. We will be in touch with you again soon.

Meanwhile, the Massachusetts Council of Churches, having heard of the situation through Mr. Pritchett, has expressed an interest in the material you used during the controversy; they have also offered to publicize the material if that would help. If you have the time, I suggest that you send them the excellent mimeographed material, advising them that publicity is not desirable at this time. The person to be written is Miss Olivia Pearl Stokes, Director of Religious Education, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

Congatulations on the restraint and good taste you have shown throughout this dismal affair, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

November 4, 1955

Mr. Christopher Mercer
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Chris:

In my judgment, and in the judgment of Counsel, there is no objection to the Arkansas Council on Human Relations proceeding to request tax-exemption from the office of the U. S. Treasury. Presumably it will be through Treasury's office in Little Rock.

As to the paper submitted I have certain suggestions.

Substitute answer to question 5b: immediate predecessor was the Arkansas Division of the SRC, organized in March 1950.

The answer which they expect to question 5c relates to the predecessor organization, the Arkansas Division of the Southern Regional Council. Presumably, therefore, the answer to 5c is to July 20, 1955.

In the answer to question 7, I suggest deletion of the word "peculiar" in the last line of the attached statement.

In the answer to question 12, when you get to the "attached statement", I suggest that the final clause have substituted for it the words "furthering interracial understanding within local institutions." That is in substitution for the words, "encouraging the organization of interracial committees by local institutions." Treasury is particularly concerned as to whether the effort of the group is purely educational. If the reported effort of the group is to organize committees, Treasury is apt to frown!

On the answer to 23a, it seems to me that your tables of receipts should include some statement as to the salary payments made for personnel of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, but made by the Southern Regional Council. For your information, these salary payments as made by us for the three employed persons in your office during the five and a half months from April 15th through September 30, 1955, amounted to

I should think an appropriate descriptive item would be "salary payments made directly by the Southern Regional Council to staff personnel of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, such payments having been made from the Southern Regional Council for purposes of convenience only."

I have my misgivings as to Article IV of your petition for incorporation. Sooner or later it may get you into trouble, and it is possible that it would be picked up by Treasury as a potential source of difficulty in approving your application for tax-exemption. The point is that some going organisation, which becomes an active or associated member of your Council merely by paying a membership fee annually, may continue in a groove long cut which would be in greater or lesser degree different from the strictly educational and non-political purpose of the Southern Regional Council. Thus you may have a situation in which a component organisation, using your name, trespasses upon action clearly not tax-exempt.

The only solution I can propose is that at some date you so amend Article III of your Constitution as to give you a tighter nexus with member organizations. For instance, in the case of our state outfits we require that changes in the by-laws be approved by us. You could do the same with any affiliates you may have. I am merely saying that you are a little exposed at this point and I suggest that you nail down a shingle.

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Executive Director

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

November 4, 1955

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Reed:

We have met an unanticipated demand for copies of the Funds annual report and find our supply exausted.

Would it be possible for us to get 200 to 300 additional copies.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/ys

November 4, 1955

Miss Katharine Dupre Lumpkin
54 Prospect Street
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Lumpkin:

The right thing to do would be to come to the Mitchells' house for supper either Saturday night, November 19th, or Tuesday night, November 22nd. I would come and get you. Anybody with you quite welcome.

Let me know which, if either, so Alice, my wife, can stock in the extra chop.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 4, 1955

Reverend Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I will be arriving at 3:30 P. M. on November 8, Via Airlines from Louisville. It now occurs to me that I may as well go out to Tuskegee Tuesday night, since otherwise it would mean leaving very early on Wednesday morning. I know Tuskegee is counting on housing people. So let us plan that if it fits your schedule. If it does not, make a hotel reservation for me and I'll adjust.

Do not feel obligated to meet my plane. I'll go to the office when I get in and get travel directions from you, and from that point we can play it by ear.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/ys
Dictated by IO/signed in her absence by ys.

November 4, 1955

Dr. Almon R. Pepper
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Pepper:

A couple of weeks ago the Attorney General of Georgia, named Eugene Cook, made a speech to a lot of sheriffs and deputies. He had evidently set a state staff of investigators to work at the files of the House Un-American Activities Committee, taking out whatever he could find on persons working with the NAACP. Nine-tenths of the speech said that so and so who was something in the NAACP had belonged to the Washington Book Shop and was in some other way a bad guy. Toward the end, he took some swipes at the Council and the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation.

I enclose what he said about us; our press release and that of the Georgia Committee; and a more extended manuscript which we have done as a means of letting concerned people know the truth of the matter. I commend, particularly, page seven or thereabouts of the extended manuscript, as giving a good answer to Cook's line.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

November 4, 1955

Miss Esther Stamats
Director, Christian Social Relations
United Church Women
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

I handed you a lengthy document answering an outburst from the Georgia Attorney General. Do dig it up from the suitcase of Cleveland papers and scan through it. I commend, particularly, pages six and seven. Here are some other things relating to Cook's outburst.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

November 4, 1955

Mr. John D. Conners
Director of Education
American Federation of Labor
Department of Education
1625 Eye Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear John:

A couple of weeks ago the Attorney General of Georgia made a big speech, mightily jumping on the NAACP which he mislabelled un-American. In the course of it he took some sideswipes at the Southern Regional Council and the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, which we help.

Such controversies are silly, but if not straightened out do damage. Here are the straightener-outers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

November 4, 1955

Mr. Stanton E. Smith
540 Vine Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

November 4, 1955

Mr. Frederick Jeffrey
Fox Run Lane
Greenwich, Connecticut

Dear Friedel:

I owe you a great long letter to give you all the news. But, meanwhile, I send you some documents worth looking through. You will see that the Georgia Attorney General said silly things, and we have answered him in the press and by circulating to our friends the longish memo which is the truth about SRC.

We have got twelve state outfits going and doing well. Two or three of them I think need shoring up, but that is natural. Reluctant people fight, and fight us, but integration where it proceeds succeeds.

With Ellen at William and Mary, and Charlotte about to incur college bills next year, I perceive the pressure you are under! But if you and Marianne can, toward the end of this year or early next, help us again, we will be mighty grateful.

The Fund for the Republic gives us good big chunks, but insists that we raise astronomical sums each year ourselves. Wherefore, I can only pass the burden on to our friends.

I am occasionally in New York, and each time aim to see you. But the hours are so short and the trotting around so furious that I do not manage it. But next time I hope I will. Meanwhile, any of you who come this way are please to be part of the Mitchell family.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

November 4, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Many thanks for your letter of November 3rd.

Messages ~~from~~ for Mr. D'Orlando: He ought to pick some other lay and volunteer person connected with the Louisiana Council on Human Relations to send to the Board meeting at Tuskegee. It should be a meeting of the policy people who control staff people.

I like what appears about Mr. William Wallace, who seems in most ways well trained. But, I notice that he is a Catholic and I think, considering the makeup of Louisiana, the man associated with you ought to be a non-Catholic. I should think it would be possible to find such a person, and I do hope the Louisiana Council will make a strong effort to find somebody who fits that general idea.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR - plus incoming names.

November 4, 1955

Mr. M. Moran Weston
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Weston:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

November 4, 1955

Miss Helen L. Peterson
National Congress of American Indians
1346 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Peterson:

You will remember that the Reverend Mr. Phillips, parson of the church in whose building my office sits, undertook to dispose of some of the Christmas cards if I would be the sponsor.

Suppose I just buy $20.00 worth and sell some to him and any to my office staff that my office staff may want. If I don't get rid of the whole 20, I reserve the right to return the tag-end few to you. But I expect we will sell them all.

Nice to see you the other day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - $20.00 cash

November 4, 1955

Miss Elizabeth Stein
1008 East Monroe Drive
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

I owe you a good long letter with all the news. Meanwhile, I send a warmish item. The Attorney General of Georgia, bless him, a couple of weeks ago in a speech to sheriffs and deputies went off the deep end and said the NAACP is stuffed full of un-Americans. In peroration he said also that our Council is a front, though I never quite got sure whether it was a front for the NAACP or for the un-Americans.

Anyway, these documents are interesting. The long one is the extended truth, and we are trying to get it understood by people who are our friends. I commend particularly page seven.

We have got twelve state outfits going and doing pretty well, though there are weak spots here and there. Opposition is keen and mounting. On the other hand, wherever integration has occurred it has been a success.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

November 4, 1955

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Here are the relevant paragraphs from Mrs. Birnie's letter to me of November 3rd, about which I telephoned your office today.

> "You no doubt are aware of the fact that there is a terrific amount of interracial friction in Orangeburg that has come about as a result of several Negro citizens signing a petition to have the schools there integrated. This petition was and is an initial step on the part of the local NAACP to follow up the decision of the United States Supreme Court. A white citizens council has been organized; economic pressure has been brought on those Negroes who happen to be vulnerable to this sought [sort] of thing; Negroes have retaliated by boycotting many of the white store owners who have joined the citizens council.
>
> The situation has reached an impasse in my opinion. The white citizens appear to have a desire at this time to quell this disturbance, of one can believe what they read in the local editorial. I am confident that the Negroes also would like to quiet the situation, not however, by giving up their plans for following through on their petition. At any rate, the situation is such that in my opinion, the Southern Regional Council would be just the organization to go into that town and State and constitute the much needed meeting ground or bargaining center somewhere between the NAACP and the Citizens Council for right action.
>
> I think this would be a very effective job for the South Carolina division with the cooperation of the regional office.
>
> I trust that you will give this matter every consideration.
>
> Very truly yours,
>
> /s/
>
> Cassandra Maxwell Birnie "

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

November 4, 1955

Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Room E
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

We kept hoping for you at the meeting, and missed you at each postponement of your coming. I hope you will have better luck with the court schedule next time.

I called Mrs. Spearman's office today and left word about Orangeburg. They are already looking into it, but I don't doubt that they will be speeded by your letter. I will let you know what they consider doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 4, 1955

Bishop H. B. Shaw
520 Red Cross Street
Wilmington, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Shaw:

Mr. Clement sent us on your $25.00 contribution from the Georgia Conference of the AME Zion Church. We are deeply grateful to the Conference, to the Church, and to you for this heartwarming evidence of interest in the Southern Regional Council and its work.

I assure you that we are devoted to the purposes of your Church, and will wish to be of assistance to your members and their purposes in every way that we can.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - SRC Official Receipt $25.00
cc: Mr. R. E. Clement

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MR. GEORGE T. GUERNSEY
CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS
718 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NASHVILLE NOVEMBER 20TH AND 21ST O.K.

GEORGE S. MITCHELL

November 4, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: Florence Young

FROM: Irene Osborne

RE: Mail and Files

Throw away the brochures. They are a mistake and should never have been sent, but it's not worth the expense and effort to return them to Washington.

Yes, the folders in the file cabinet are to go to the archives. However, the materials in the bottom drawer are materials which I think Dick Bennett will want.

Dictated by IO/signed in her absence by ys.

November 4,1955

Mr. Thomas W. Young, President
Journal and Guide
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

As a follow-up to your telephone conversation this morning with Dr. Mitchell, this is to advise you that Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director of the Alabama Council will meet you at 7:23 A.M. at the Montgomery airport on Wednesday, November 9, 1955. He will take you to Tuskegee with him for the Board Meeting.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Rev. Robert E. Hughes

November 4, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

We have had the attached letter from Christopher Mercer, a young attorney from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who is Associate Director of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations.

My suggestion of a reply is also enclosed.

Observe that my possible reply involves a judgment of Counsel.

Obviously, we will be having requests of this kind from other states and some policy should be settled upon. If you will be kind enough to advise me, I will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

November 7, 1955

Mrs. W. B. Redmond
Box 534
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mrs. ~~Redman:~~ Redmond

How greatly you encourage and strengthen what we do by the contribution of $25.00 from the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Glenn Memorial Church! Nothing helps us so much as the steady support of the Christian Women who want to see right things happen in our land.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $25.00

November 7, 1955

Mrs. J. Russell Henderson
110 North Cedar
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Henderson:

That is all right, and I will be at Fort Worth for the evening of November 30th and the morning of December 1st, providing the planes fly.

If you will have someone write me when and where I am to be, I will unroll the machinery of getting there and back.

Nice of the Woman's Division to cover the travel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 7, 1955

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the United States of America
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar Lee:

Your Administrative Assistant, Miss Jones, was so very kind as to send down, November 2nd, all my expenses and a whopping $50.00 on top. Our Council is exceedingly grateful.

Truth is I learned a lot at that meeting, and I am mighty glad I went.

The notion I had about local groups was to call them "Councils on Christian Duty."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 7, 1955

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Bradley
Director
Community Relations
Child Study Association of America
132 East Seventy-Fourth Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Bradley:

I had the nearest thing we boast to "an expert" to read the galley-proofs of the new issue. Expert was enthusiastic, both over the written style and the helpful content. We are getting 15 copies, so that one can go to each of our state outfits, with a spare or two for later users. Check along with order. I wish we could spread hundreds, but we aren't so budgeted!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Check for $6.75
Order Blank for "The Many Faces of Prejudice"

November 7, 1[illegible].

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The By-Laws of the Southern Regional Council give the two members representing each state organization (that is to say the two ex-officio members) exactly equal powers with all other members of the Board.

That means voice vote and everything else.

Here is a copy of the By-Laws as they sit at present.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 8, 1955

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Your man is John Hope at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee. John Hope made a string of studies for the Committee of the South -- a bunch of manufacturers -- on just that point of integration in industry.

I think he is about to come to work for SRC part-time and would be hitting Arkansas anyhow. But, write to him if you wish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 8, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Chairman
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

November 8, 1955

Mr. R. D. Wellons, Chairman
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
President
Pembroke College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wellons:

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Mr. J. Claude Evans, Chairman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

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Rev. W. Carroll Brooke, Chairman
Virginia Council on Human Relations
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Rev. Brooke:

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November 8, 1955

Mr. W. H. Perry, Chairman
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
2320 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Perry:

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November 8, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman, Chairman
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

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November 8, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate, Chairman
Texas Commission on Race Relations
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

The Executive Committee of the Council at its last meeting on October 28-29, 1955 approved an arrangement whereby the Chairman of each affiliated State Organization would be asked to nominate a member from his particular state to serve on a Finance Committee for the Southern Regional Council. It was agreed also that each state council would receive one half of the funds raised in its particular state by this proposed SRC committee.

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November 8, 1955

Mr. E. G. Roberts
Drake University
Des Moines 11, Iowa

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I am much interested, though I have no berth to offer. Dismal business is I am committed to using the Thanksgiving holiday for a job of college hunting with my teen-aged daughted, and shall be gone from Atlanta from Thursday morning through Sunday. You would be as well off talking to my assistant, Harold Fleming (home: 2892 Ridgemore Road, N. W., Sycamore 4-8491). He'll be in town, and could be reached, and would like to meet you. I'm here Wednesday and Monday after Thanksgiving, and I likewise would be delighted to see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 8, 1955

Prof. Simon Marcson
Associate Professor of Sociology
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Prof. Marcson:

This will acknowledge your letter and the letter and memorandum from Mr. Kimball outlining your proposed Community Action Project on desegregation. I have looked them over with interest and I am anxious to get the reaction of other staff members as a basis for further discussion with you.

We are on the eve of our annual meeting, however, and I am afraid it will be several days before we can give the matter the attention it deserves.

I will be in touch with you at the earliest possible opportunity. Meanwhile, my best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Associate Director.

HCF:mf

November 8, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I am terribly remiss in answering your several recent letters. I can only plead the unusual pressure of recent events.

So I will acknowledge with many thanks the materials on Economic Pressure, The Citizens' Councils Publications, and the suggestions about Mr. Stafford.

We are doing our best to assist Mr. Stafford in arranging his next steps, but so far nothing definite. The Massachusetts Council of Churches is interested in his situation and perhaps will turn up some help. I heartily approve of your idea of an article for one of the large magazines of national circulation. Once we get past the annual meeting, I will see what I can do to further that proposal. As of now, however, the main thing would seem to be another position for Mr. Stafford.

I have passed on to Ruth Alexander your request for a list of South Carolina persons who suscribe to New South. I am sure that she will send that to you just as soon as the clerical load permits.

We appreciate your faithfulness in keeping us informed more than you know. Please keep it up.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:mf

November 8, 1955

Police Chief Herbert H. Jenkins
Police Headquarters
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Chief Jenkins:

This is to report a threatening telephone call which I received approximately 3:00 p. m. on this date.

A man who gave his name as John J. Wood called and began questioning the receptionist about the nature and work of the Southern Regional Council, where upon the call was switched to me. After questioning me at some length, "Mr. Wood" began, quite irrevelantly, to express his views about communism--namely that it is a movement conceived, inspired, and let by Jews. When I told him that I had no interest in his views and was about to hang up, he said:

"You dirty Communist! We are going to drag you and your kind out and hang you to the trees."

"Who are 'we'?" I asked.

He replied "You'll find out. We'll get you, you dirty ______."

Aside from a good deal of profanity, which I have ommitted, these are the exact words, written down by me during the conversation. I thought it proper to inform you of a threat of this nature, and I will be happy, of course, to assist in any investigation of this or subsequent threats.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 8, 1955

Commissioner Norman P. Mason
Federal Housing Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Commissioner Mason:

The Commission on Race and Housing, an independent Commission operating under a grant on the Fund for the Republic, has asked us to arrange a one day meeting of experts on Minority groups housing problems in the South. The conference is to be an informal, unpublicized, discussion meeting designed to help the staff of the Commission on Race and Housing to "choose the most fruitful foci of research in the south."

The day of the meeting has been set for November 21, and among those who we have invited is Mr. A. Maceo Smith, FHA Racial Relations Officer of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Smith was invited because we felt his knowledge of housing conditions in the southwest would be of great value.

Mr. Smith has advised me that, he is personally willing to attend, but that in order to do so clearance by your office would be necessary. This is to express the hope that you may find it possible to grant the necessary clearance to Mr. Smith at your earliest convenience.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

cc: Dr. George W. Snowden

HCF:mf

November 8, 1955

Miss Elizabeth Stein
1008 East Monroe Drive
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

Here's a guy from Southern India who's coming to Bloomington December 2-8. Dravidian, and so dark. Represents the depressed classes in the state legislature (Bihar). Ought to be interesting. I though perhaps you would wish to be helpful to him; or not, as suits you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls: Copy of ltr to Mr. Alcott
Data sheet on Mr. Jai Deva Prasad

November 8, 1955

Mr. G. F. Alcott
1120 East Grove Street
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Mr. Alcott:

I notice in the itinerary for Mr. Prasad that he spends some time with you in Bloomington. I have a friend there who teaches school, and I thought perhaps you would care to arrange some opportunity for Mr. Prasad to talk with her. She's Miss Elizabeth Stein at 1008 East Monroe Drive, Bloomington.

Mr. Prasad comes on to me later in December.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Miss Elizabeth Stein

cc: RA ✓

November 8, 1955

Mr. Lionel Arnold
Chairman
The Consolidated Charities Committee
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Arnold:

Each year this newly-remembered mercy is vouchsafed to us, when good friends at LeMoyne send in a contribution to SRC. We need it and deeply appreciate it. People think because we got a good big grant we are on easy street, but you know very well that nobody grants you money without making a requirement that you raise astronomical amounts yourself! Eleven dollars knocked off the mountain-top is a real help, and I do hope you will let your faculty friends know that we are grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $11.00

November 8, 1955

Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr.
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brownell:

We have read with great interest the account of your speech before the annual dinner of the Inter-Faith Movement, Inc. in New York City on October the 16th, as reported in the New York Times of the following day. We were greatly impressed by this fine statement on the Government's efforts to further the elimination of segragation and discrimination from American life.

Would you be so kind as to have sent to us the full text of your speech? We shall be most appreciative.

Yours very truly,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 8, 1955

Mr. Paul Finner, Chairman
Florida Council on Human Relations
930 West Park
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Finner:

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Rev. Duncan Hunter, Chairman
Alabama Council on Human Relations
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

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Mr. Fred K. Darragh, Chairman
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

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November 8, 19555

Rev. G. E. Clary, Chairman
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Rev. Clary:

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Rev. Albert D'Orlando, Chairman
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Rev. D'Orlando:

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
805 Peachtree, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

This is to report a threatening telephone call which I received approximately 3:00 p. m. on this date.

A man who gave his name as John J. Wood called and began questioning the receptionist about the nature and work of the Southern Regional Council, whereupon the call was switched to me. After questioning me at some length, "Mr. Wood" began, quite irrelevantly, to express his views about communism--namely that it is a movement conceived, inspired, and led by Jews. When I told him that I had no interest in his views and was about to hang up, he said:

"You dirty Communist! We are going to drag you and your kind out and hang you to the trees."

"Who are 'we'?" I asked.

He replied "You'll find out. We'll get you, you dirty __________."

Aside from a good deal of profanity, which I have ommitted, these are the exact words, written down by me during the conversation. I thought it proper to inform you of a threat of this nature, and I will be happy, of course, to assist in any investigation of this or subsequent threats.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 8, 1955

Mr. Joseph B. Parham, Editor
Macon News
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mr. Parham:

Recently, the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, an affiliate of the Council, called on Governor Marvin Griffin. I enclose a copy of a resume of the meeting. I hope you will use something on this in your report to Southern School News next month.

Incidentally, I noticed that your report, carried in the November issue, failed to include statements by the Southern Regional Council and the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation in refutation to the attack made on them by Atty. General Eugene Cook. These statements were given to the press and we were disappointed that they were not included along with the charges. I enclose copies of both statements.

If ever we can be of assistance to you in supplying information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

Enclosures-3
JC/ys

November 8,1955

Mr. Don Shoemaker
Executive Director
Southern School News
P. O. Box 6156
Acklen Station
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Shoemaker:

Enclosed is a resume of a meeting that the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, an affiliate of the Council, held with Governor Marvin Griffin. We thought it might be of interest to you.

Incidentally, we were disappointed that the Southern School News of November did not carry statements by the Council and the Georgia Committee concerning charges made by Attorney General Eugene Cook. These statements were released to the press prior to Mr. Cook's speech and were carried in the wire service reports of the speech. I enclose copies of the statements for your information.

In the future, we will make an effort to see that Mr. Parham gets copies of all of our releases personally rather than relying on the wire services.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC/ys

November 8, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Bennett

FROM: Irene Osborne

RE: PAMPHLETS

I am almost out of copies of both pamphlets, and I find lots of uses for them. Can you send me some? I will suggest 200 of "The Right of Every Child." I know you are almost out of "Integration of Washington Schools", so you can use your own judgement. I can use as many as you think you can spare.

IO/ys
Dictated by IO/but not read.

November 8, 1955

Mr. Samuel Lubell
845 West End Avenue
New York 25, New York

Dear Sam:

I profited from reading your manuscript, and thank you for it. I have no quarrel about the theme of prohibition and the growing influence of women.

I agree in general that the towns hold the balance of voting power.

The only thing that I differ with you a lot on is the probable future drive of Negro voters in cities. On page 44, you even push the Negro urbanite into the middle class.

To begin with, I think we have seen only the first start of Negro voting, city and country, in the South. In my judgment Negro people are hopping mad about the failure of elected authorities to comply with the law of the land on desegregation. And I think they are going to register and vote in rapidly mounting numbers. And I think it will make a lot of difference.

There is the other possibility, out in the country. If and when quite substantial numbers of Negro citizens register and vote in the counties over-represented in the legislature, the members of the legislature from those counties will come tearing into the legislature asking for reapportionment in order to cut down the strength of push-up and largely Negro opinion.

The whole picture right now is blurred by the spirit of the White Citizens' Councils. I don't know what they are going to do, but I expect something quite bad.

I did commas and apostrophes from place to place where I thought they were needed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Ms.

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 8, 1955

Miss Oliva Pearl Stokes
Director, Religious Education
Massachusetts Council of Churches
14 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Mass.

Dear Miss Stokes:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to answer your good letter of October 27 concerning the Rev. G. Jackson Stafford of Batesburg, South Carolina.

Mr. Stafford, under protest, is resigning his pastorate as of November 28, and I am informed that for the time being he does not wish to be the source of any further publicity. Once he has moved, if he is willing to publicize the materials which he has, we will certainly be in touch with you.

Meanwhile, Mr. Stafford's problem is where to go next. His preference is to continue studies in psychology of religion and Clinical Training, with the aim of becoming an Institutional Chaplain. To this end he would like to enroll in the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary of Wake Forest, North Carolina. He does not have the necessary financial resources, however, and is asking advice as to where he might turn for help. I am sure you understand that the prospects of Mr. Stafford getting another pastorate in a Southern Baptist Church are for the moment rather dim. If you have any suggestions to offer, I am sure Mr. Stafford would be very grateful and so would we.

As to the materials you inquire about, we do not have an extra set, but I have asked Mr. Stafford to send them to you if he can.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:mf

November 10, 1955

Mr. Shinzō Kaji
Department of Economics
Stanford University
Stanford, California

Dear Mr. Kaji:

I am dreadfully sorry that you did not reach us when you were here the other day. The telephone book is littered with George Mitchells, and you got one of the others. Our number is Dearborn 5961.

We all recall you with much pleasure. I have been grateful for your greetings from time to time.

When you come back to the East next Spring, do please try to come to Atlanta and pay the Mitchells a visit. We are having an exciting time just now in the interracial work of our Southern Regional Council, and you would enjoy hearing the story.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 10, 1955

Mr. Charles S. Johnson
President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Some weeks ago I wrote in to Bob Weaver at the John Hay Whitney Foundation, officially, and asked that the John Hay Whitney Foundation for 1956 be so good as to find for the Southern Regional Council $4,000 for the Fellowship of the Concerned. Here's a copy of the letter.

We think that in view of the good that Mrs. Tilly and the church women can do, this is a modest step-up to request. Mrs. Tilly is doing what she can of the job anyway. But she has to have money to bring the women together. The various local societies have no treasuries. We agreed at our SRC Board meeting yesterday that no force could be more effective against the Citizens Councils than the church women.

I do greatly hope that the John Hay Whitney Board will want to stay with us on that increase. Every penny goes into the work with church women.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.

cc: RA

November 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: RA

FROM: GSM

A Mr. David G. Anderson, 601 West 113th Street, New York City, is an associate member of the Southern Regional Council. He wrote me that he had heard Fulton Lewis, Jr., fussing versus SRC and hastened to renew his $5.00 dues. Said it had been quite some time since he had been billed, but was satisfied that he was now due to pay again. How do we stand on billing our associates?

eab/

Encl.

November 10, 1955

Mr. Luther H. Foster
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Foster:

The members of our Board felt yesterday the very deepest appreciation for the solid comfort and attentive kindness which met them at every turn during their stay at Tuskegee and at Dorothy Hall.

On behalf of the Board, we thank you and all at Tuskegee for this signal hospitality.

It is another matter, but the Board yesterday, in filling its small number of vacancies, did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors. I greatly hope you will accept. I enclose the list of Board members as it stood just before yesterday's meeting. The new nominees chosen yesterday are in all cases comparable people.

Membership on the Board entails no dire responsibilities. The Board meets once a year. Let us hope it will meet often at Tuskegee! We have always, with the exception of one sad year, been able to pay expenses of Board members to come to the meeting.

It is only fair to say that at the moment the Hearst Journal-American in New York, and Fulton Lewis, Jr. are yapping and baying to the effect that some twenty-one people on our Board are pro-Communist, with records of affiliations with bad bunches. As they attack in this manner Bishop Clingman of Kentucky; Florence Sytz of New Orleans; Charles Johnson; Rufus Clement; J. M. Ellison; Councill Trenholm; R. B. Atwood; etc.; I think you come into good rather than ill company on our Board.

Do write me whether you can accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RA
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Telephone Conversation
November 10, 1955
3:45 - 3:53 p.m.

Man called up and said his name was Bill Hendley. Asked what he represented? Said he represented the Georgia League Against Communism and the Georgia Anti-Communist Society. Where did he have his office? Buford, Georgia. Inquired whether SRC was a communist organization or not? I said it was not.

Had we been described by Senator Eastland, a month or so ago, as a communist group? Said I had no knowledge of what Eastland said, but said Eastland had been riding pretty hard the Southern Conference Educational Fund. Man said he knew of that matter.

Asked if he might have a list of members of the Board of SRC, and I told him that if he would write us and ask for a list he could have one.

Had we ever been cited as subversive? No, except that the Attorney General of Georgia said that a number of people who had been associated with us had been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Long disposition against Gunnar Myrdal, and said he (Myrdal) knew nothing of American conditions. Had some notion that Myrdal had said that the American Constitution was a plot against the American people. Asked if I knew that the Carnegie University had put up the money for Myrdal's book? I said it was my understanding that it was the Carnegie Foundation.

Did we have any Jews on our Board? I said I daresay we had some. Was I aware that virtually all the communists were Jews? Was I aware that all the atomic spies were Jews? No, I was not. Did I know that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith was really an arm of the communist movement in this country? No, I did not. I went on to say that I was not at all interested in the conversation, and that I thought it was an ill service to our country to spread hatred and malicious charges against people and groups.

Hendley said at the end that he was satisfied that the Attorney General of Georgia would move against the Southern Regional Council, and that we would not long be in business.

Elsewhere in the conversation asked my opinion of the NAACP, which I defended. Was I aware that Channing Tobias of the NAACP had a long communist record, and had been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities? Said I knew Channing Tobias for many years, and that he had been cleared of the many charges of communist affiliations or sympathies. Asked again what I thought of the NAACP? Said I thought it was doing a pretty good job. End of conversation.

GSM

Note: One of the last things the man said was: "I think you are a communist group, and I think you won't be in business long.

November 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: RA

FROM: GSM

When we come to the Minutes of the Board meeting, and to the report of the Nominating Committee in those Minutes, it is the case that Father Shean, reporting for the Nominating Committee, did at the end propose Leonard Haas to be elected as Counsel, and he was so elected. Marion Wright said that he and John Griffin had gone to see Leonard Haas November 8th and that Leonard had said that he, Leonard, would serve some more, as we are now under attack.

Incidentally, Leonard Haas was also elected to the Board. Unless we stand in need of new members of the Board, I would be inclined to let his election as a member of the Board stand in addition to his place as Counsel. He will pull off as Counsel sometime, and it would be pleasant for him to remain seated on the Board.

Another item in the Minutes is that toward the end of the meeting, the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer withdrew and I am told that the Board then proceeded to the selection of the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Another item in the Minutes is that when in "Other Business" the Executive Director asked if he would have the approval of the Board in adding to the staff, if money were provided, a person from the labor movement who would assist the bringing of understanding on civil rights in the labor movement, that was agreed to on motion.

Another item in the minutes is a proposed conference on strategy against the White Citizens Councils. This matter had been broached as a possibility by Mr. H. L. Mitchell, President of the National Agricultural Workers Union, A. F. of L. The Board took the position that the staff of the Southern Regional Council had its hands more than full with the program planning work now laid upon it, and that the arrangement of a conference would be a disapproved interference with that task.

Also in the Minutes, under the report of the Executive Director. The Executive Director said that the first undertaking under the grant from the Fund for the Republic was to organize twelve state groups in the field of human relations, and that this had been done. Secondly, we had been required to raise $40,000 independently of the first grant period, and we had raised $51,000. Although money had not been originally been available, we had taken advantage of circumstances which made it possible to provide for the time being the full salary of an Associate Director in each of the state groups. All of the states except Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas, at this time had them, and one or two of the laggards were expected to come in with such arrangements in the near future. He reviewed the attacks on the SRC, beginning with the attack by Reverend Blake Craft, and that of Mr. Roy Harris.

Fred Routh then reported, state by state, on the program and plans underway in each one.

C. H. Parrish, Assistant Director for State Organizations, then reported on the conference held in Atlanta in August 1955, and the resulting plan for program coordination within the states, through the use of consultants.

Harold Fleming, Assistant Director for Information, carried forward the story of the attacks on the Southern Regional Council, including that of the Attorney General of Georgia and the New York Journal-American of November 7, 1955, and the subsequent broadcast of Fulton Lewis, Jr., referring to the Southern Regional Council. He described the informational services of the Atlanta office to newspapers and magazines and bookwriters, and again emphasized his request to the states to keep the central office supplied with the exact facts on developing local situations.

The Executive Director, in summary, reviewed Mrs. Tilly's work with church women; described in further detail the plan to use Mr. John Hope on program planning; referred to the presence of Mr. O. D. Duncan as representing Oklahoma; and mentioned the availability of an audit for the full eighteen months first grant period.

eab/

November 10, 1955

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

My sister sent me from Richmond the November 3rd Richmond Times-Dispatch. I handed it around at our SRC Board meeting yesterday and bragged on you mightily.

I told Carroll Brooke and Thomas Young and Mr. Ellison that when the history of desegregation of the schools in Virginia is written, the first recorded crack in opinion in the state will be what the Virginia Council on Human Relations said in the paper on November 3, 1955. A noble statement, wisely done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 10, 1955

Mr. Armand May
American Associated Companies
P. O. Box 4056
Atlanta 2, Georgia

Dear Mr. May:

You were kind enough to write us at the time of Mr. Eugene Cook's outburst.

We have since then prepared a manuscript on the history of the Southern Regional Council, and I want to make sure that a copy reaches you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 10, 1955

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Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

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Do write me whether you can accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

cc: RA
NCF ✓

November 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: FDR

FROM: GSM

At the beginning of each calendar year, I bind up for my personal use all issues of New South and SRC publications during the preceeding calendar year.

Pleasant if, by January, 1956, I could have a complete file of the state leaflets, so far as shall have been then issued. And I would bind them in with the central office publications.

Will you try to lay fingers on a set?

eab/

November 10, 1955

Circulation Department
Richmond Times-Dispatch
Richmond 11, Virginia

Dear Sirs:

This morning I telephoned the girl at the classified desk and she said that you had surviving three copies only of the *Times-Dispatch* of November 3, 1955, and that she would ask you to hold the copies pending my prepayment. Here is the prepayment. Please mail the three copies.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/sab
Encl. - 30¢ cash

cc: HCF

November 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: HCF

FROM: GSM

The Board yesterday directed that a copy of the Richmond Times-Dispatch be sent to each Board member. The Times-Dispatch has only three copies of the particular issue, which three I have ordered sent to us. So we are up against either mimeographing it or photostating it. I leave the judgment on that to you, but I agree that the story should be got out to our Board members, and also to all the state offices.

eab/
Encls. - copy ltr to Times Dispatch 11/10/55
copy of VCHR article, T.D. 11/3/55

November 10, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: HCF

FROM: GSM

There was talk at the Board meeting yesterday afternoon about getting around to our state offices something that they called directives on how to counter the attacks on SRC.

eab/

November 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: HCF
MET
FBR
CHP
RA

FROM: GSM

At the meeting of the Board of SRC November 9th, the staff was directed to prepare a proposal to the Executive Committee, to be ready in January or perhaps -- at the latest -- in April, 1956, for continuance of the Southern Regional Council after the expiration of the Fund for the Republic grant.

I think they are more interested in how much of the function of a central office should survive than in how to finance such an office.

If I may have a memo from each of you by December 15th, giving your views, I will be grateful.

eab/

November 10, 1955

Mr. Joe S. Caudill
Superintendent
Jackson City Schools
Jackson, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Caudill:

I am sorry we haven't got much ourselves directly on Kentucky. Hugh Brimm at the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, 2801 Lexington Road, Louisville, is Director of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, which is affiliated with us. And they keep up with Kentucky especially.

But we have done some good things helpful to any part of the South. I send you a pamphlet called Answers for Action and some recent issues of our magazine, New South. You would find particularly helpful an issue of New South for October, 1954, called "The Supreme Court Decision and the Appalachian South." If you can find a dollar, you ought to send it to us for these pamphlets.

Do get in touch with Hugh Brimm; he could be helpful. So, also, could Roscoe Giffen who teaches sociology at Berea.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:

- Answers for Action
- New South, May-September, 1955
- SRC Promotion Leaflet
- SRC Publications List
- New South, October, 1954

November 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: RA

FROM: GSM

I noted the following persons in attendance at the Board meeting November 9th:

Darragh
Gomillion
Wilkins
Beckman
C.M. Birnie
Mrs. Floyd Bates of Arkansas
Mrs. Daisy Bates of Arkansas
Johnson of Mississippi
Shaw of Texas
Shean
Mrs. Crate
C. H. Robinson of Chattanooga
A. W. Dent
G. S. Mitchell
Duncan Hunter
Mantinband
Marion Wright
Harold Fleming
CMP
Fred Routh
Ruth Alexander
G. S. Alexander
Robert Hughes
Irene Osborne
Dr. McRae of Burnsville, N. C.
Claude Evans
J. M. Ellison
Carroll Brooke
Thomas Young
Braseal
Trenholm
O. D. Duncan
John Griffin
J. H. Burney

There were at least two other persons present, whose names I did not recall; a tall elderly bald-headed man, presumably Negro, but very light. Some other guy, white, description not recalled.

In making a roll of the meeting, the staff persons should be grouped in a separate category.

Robert Hughes was present as state director for the host state.

November 10, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

What do you want to do about conferring with the lawyer from the Fund for the Republic?

Harold will be sending you the best account we have of what was in the Journal-American, and what we know -- which is by no means all -- of what Fulton Lewis, Jr., has been saying.

You could go up, or you and Leonard could go. We would be happy with whatever arrangements you care to make. The trip is, of course, at SRC expense.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: RA

November 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: RA

FROM: GSM

The actual language of the amended version of ARTICLE II, Section 3, as adopted November 9, 1955, is:

> The president, the vice presidents, the treasurer and counsel, shall also be ex-officio members.

The actual language adopted November 9 for ARTICLE V, Section 1, is exactly as given in the mimeographed "Proposed Amendments."

eab/

November 11, 1955

Mr. William K. Williams
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for your full and thoughtful letter. It is good to know that you are giving good advance attention to my visit there. I do indeed appreciate the limitations you are working under, and I don't believe any of them are too serious as far as planning my visit is concerned.

Fred and I have discussed the program you suggested and it makes a lot of sense. I think the only suggestion we have is that perhaps it isn't necessary to spend two whole days in the board meeting, although some time in that meeting will certainly be desirable.

We hope you will use all the imagination you have in planning the things which will really be of the most use to you. What I recommend most is maximum opportunity for personal contact with those actively working at the local level.

I will appreciate it if you will plan the itinerary as far as major points are concerned, so I can schedule the transportation. Best Regards.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne.

IOmf

November 11, 1955

Miss Welthea B. Thoday
Feature Issues Editor
America's Textile Reporter
286 Congress Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Thoday:

The Atlanta Historical Society, 1753 Peachtree Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia has several replicas and pictures of the Seal of the Confederate States. The organization would allow a photographer to photograph these in their headquarters, but will not permit an out-of-office loan.

It is probable that the Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia, also has pictures of the Confederate Seal.

Very truly yours,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

November 11, 1955

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville,
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We were all sorry you weren't able to get to the Annual Meeting at Tuskegee last Wednesday. It was a well attended and constructive session.

I had hoped to tell you there how much all of us here appreciated your recent article in the Christian Century--and your quote on the Citizen's Councils which appeared in the October Southern School News. We requested and were granted permission to reprint from the Christian Century. I hope that meets with your approval.

I am still looking forward hopefully to an opportunity to see and talk with you again. Meanwhile warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C.Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 11, 1955

Mr. John J. Scanlon,
Deputy Director of Research
The Fund for the Advancement of Education
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter with regard to complimentary copies of *Public Education in the South Today and Tomorrow.* All I have received from the UNC Press is a single copy.

I don't know what your arrangements with the Press are, but we could make good use of an additional 50 copies, if that's a reasonable request. We certainly want the principal staff and lay people in our affiliated state groups to have the book. It will be a tremendously helpful reference as the school question is discussed, debated, and planned about state by state.

If 50 is an excessive number, we will of course be grateful for a lesser number of copies.

I thought the book finally came out pretty well and will be useful to a lot of people down here for quite a time to come.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 11, 1955

Miss Suzanne E. Farno
Delta Delta Delta House
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Farno:

The majority of the information we have available on intermarriage deals with its legal regulation in the various states. You will find much of this information in States' Laws On Race and Color, which was compiled by Pauli Murray and published in 1951. In addition, a brief summary of state restrictions and some recent court cases appeared in a United Press release. One of the papers in which it was published was a Winston-Salem, North Carolina paper, the "Twin City Sentinel" for October 6, 1955.

I am enclosing one of our publications list.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

November 11, 1955

Dr. B. E. Powell
Librarian
Duke University Library
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Powell:

Both Dr. Mitchell and I wrote you earlier relative to my consulting you on the clips and pamphlet materials accumulated by the Council. Please advise me if either November 21st, 22nd, 23rd or the first of the week following the Thanksgiving recess would be a convenient time for me to confer with you or your staff.

Very truly yours,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

November 11, 1955

Mr. C. A. McKnight
Charlotte Observer
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Pete:

The long editorial of November 9th was a superb job. Both in logic and expression, it was the best piece of analysis I have seen in a southern paper during the current hub-bub.

I hope you will have no objections to our reprinting all or part of it in an early issue of New South.

I know this letter from a confirmed brain-washer won't off-set all the letters you will get from the Citizen's Councils, but I hope it will help. Let me hear from you when and if you get to Atlanta. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 11, 1955

Mr. Davis McEntire
Commission on Race and Housing
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. McEntire:

This is to confirm the plans for a small Conference of persons familiar with minority groups housing in the south.

The meeting is set for the Board Room, Administration Building, Atlanta University, 10 a. m., Monday, November 21st. Luncheon at Atlanta University will be provided for, and I am advising participants that the meeting will probably end by four o'clock.

To date the following persons have accepted:

Robert A. Thompson, Atlanta Urban League.
Robert Stuart, Director, Atlanta Metropolitan Planning Commission.
Lester H. Persells, until recently an Official of the Public Housing Administration, now in business in Jacksonville, Florida.
Hubert Jackson, PHA Race Relations Advisor, Atlanta.
Al Thompson, FHA Race Relations Advisor, Atlanta.
Maceo Smith, FHA,Race Relations Advisor, Dallas.
Dr. Herman Long, Race Relations Department, Fisk University, Nashville.
Mrs. Margaret Breland, Planning and Research Specialist, Atlanta.
Prof. Nicholas Demerath, Institute for Research and Social Science, University of North Carolina.

Of these persons accepting, Persells is the only self-employed professional for whom an honorarium would be mandatory. One or two others who have not finally accepted may be in this category. In addition to the persons invited, two members of the Southern Regional Council's staff might appropriately take part.

I might add that each of the persons invited was selected by us on the basis of not only his official position or professional speciality, but also his personal interest and insight.

I will welcome your suggestions and comments on the plans as they now stand, and will look forward to seeing you on the 21st.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 11, 1955

Miss Margaret Roberts
Box 201
Dragerton, Utah

Dear Miss Roberts:

Your inquiry in regard to racial problems has been directed to the Council. I am therefore sending you copies of our publications list and the contents of Changing Patterns In The New South, both of which may indicate material on specific problems with which you are concerned. A statement of the Council's objectives is also included.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

November 11, 1955

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles,

How very fine that Phelps-Stokes came through. All's well that ends well!

I'd personally be very pleased to have you quote from my letter. However, I'm not sure what the policy is as far as the American Friends Service Committee is concerned. So I am sending your request on to Dick Bennett for reply. Please don't use the letter until you hear from him.

I don't know when I will see you, but it will be sometime! Say hello to the family.

As always,

Irene.

IO:mf

November 11, 1955

Father Albert S. Foley, S. J.
Spring Hill College
Spring Hill Station
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley,

Your letter requesting some American Friends Service Committee help for the forum series has reached me by a rather circuitous route and I am able to answer it now after some delay. George Mitchell says yes if we can fit it into the schedule, so both the American Friends Service Committee and SRC will be delighted to help.

The difficulty is that I have very few Monday nights remaining on the schedule, and I realize it must now be very late in your planning. But if it will work, let us by all means put it officially on the schedule. I'm noting the Monday nights which I have left available: December 19, January 16, January 30 (difficult and uncertain), February 6, March 6, March 13, and March 26. In addition, I expect to be officially working in Alabama during the week of March 19 to 23. I could be at the college on March 19, if it is worked out with Rev. Hughes of the Alabama Council office.

Rev. Hughes mentioned to me that the Mobile Council meets on the third Tuesday night of each month, and suggested that if we could arrange the forum for a third Monday, I might meet with both at the same time. I mention this in case it will mean any difference in your scheduling.

I hope this will be of some help to you even at this late date. In any event, my very best regards for your program.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Osborne.

IO:mf

November 11, 1955

Mrs. Margaret Breland
Metropolitan Planning Commission
Glenn Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Peg:

I am hoping that you will find it possible to take part in the informal discussion meeting on Race and Housing on November 21st. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a. m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut St., S. W., and should be over by about 4:00 p. m. Needless to say, we would be grateful for your presence at any part of the meeting, if you can't be there for all of it.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 11, 1955

Mr. Maceo Smith
2407 Thomas Avenue
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

We greatly hope that the official clearance will come through and that you will be with us at the meeting on Race and Housing on November 21st.

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I will look forward hopefully to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 11, 1955

Mr. I. H. Burney, Secretary
Afro-American Life Insurance Co.
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Burney:

I have checked with Mrs. Alexander, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Council, and she concurs with the suggestion that I made to you in Tuskegee in regards to the financial report of the Florida Council on Human Relations for the fiscal year ended as of September 30, 1955. Since your Council had only been in operation for about a month we think that it will be all right for you to fill out the financial statements without the certification of an accountant and send them to us.

It was nice seeing you at the Board meeting and I hope that I will have the opportunity to visit with you soon.

With kindest regards to you and your family, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Fred Routh

November 11, 1955

Mr. A. L. Thompson
Room 303
250 Auburn Av. N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We are delighted that you find it possible to take part in the one day discussion meeting which we are arranging for the Commission on Race and Housing.

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I shall look forward to seeing you on the 21st.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 11, 1955

Mr. Hubert Jackson
250 Auburn Av., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Hubert:

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Institute for Research and Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

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If you would like us to reserve overnight accomodations for you, please let me know as soon as possible.

I shall look forward to seeing you on the 21st.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 11, 1955

Dr. Herman Long
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

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Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 11, 1955

Mr. Philip E. Lerman
Anti-Defamation League
1003 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Phil,

I have a copy of a letter to you from Dick Bennett which I have had difficulty interpreting but I take it to mean that you don't know what to do with 200 copies of the Washington AFSC report. You asked for them in a burst of enthusiasm when you heard it was coming out; you said you'd take 200 copies, sight unseen, and knew you were not taking a pig in a poke. This was doubtless an inspiration on your part due to the fact that we were being nostalgic over my departure from the city. If it turns out to be an impractical idea, return what you can't use. The sentiment was still appreciated.

The south makes me sentimental anyway. I've recovered from home and mother and now shed my pretty tears for the dome of the capitol, the Nanking, the Joint Committee (God rest its soul), and Herblock. I trust you are able to see yourself in these references.

Thank you and greetings and best regards and all that.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne.

IO:mf
cc: Richard Bennett.

November 11, 1955

Miss Anne Lockwood
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Anne:

It was good to know that you will be staying on at Highlander. I will certainly keep you in mind for ways to get into the activities, but I have only the vaguest of ideas at the moment.

I would suggest that you might like to get in touch with Marion Wright. I think Henry and Myles would know him. He is president of S. R. C. and a North Carolinian. I know that at one time he was looking for someone to be of some help in his area. It might be that you would be able to help with whatever he is planning. I would suggest that you write him if you are really looking for ways to get into it. His address is Top Knot, Linville Falls, North Carolina.

Thanks for noting my possessions. The volume of Saki is one I took from the Horton's living room. The notebook you can hang unto; I will pick it up the next time I am there. Did you also find a yellow dacron nightgown? If so, also hang onto it.

It was good to hear from you.

Regards,

Irene Osborne.

IO:mf

November 14, 1955

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Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 14, 1955

Mr. William Cooper
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cooper:

The Society and yourself and Major Brown were most generous to me, and I am grateful for the chance to be with that group. We are on the edge of something quite fine in America; I believe nearer t it than most of us think.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 14, 1955

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Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 14, 1955

Mr. LeRoy King
National Conference of Methodist Youth
Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. King:

If you will arrange for the calling of some fairly early gathering of people in Atlanta who might plan the workcamp you have in mind, I will be happy to go to such a meeting and put in my advice.

Generally speaking, I am doubtful of the wisdom of such a project in this city next summer. The times promise to be agitated. A workcamp is, as it intends to be, a visual demonstration in interracial activity. I have never made it a practice to tweak the nose of prejudice; I am sure that would not be the purpose of such a group, but unfortunately, Atlanta has a lot of people who would plaster ~~their~~ that purpose~~s~~ on the group.

I would think it wiser to go to some rural point, such as, perhaps, the new meeting ground being built in Buckeye Cove near Ashville, North Carolina by the Fellowship of Southern Churches. The young people would have the experience of working together and the community around is not brought to boil.

But I could be persuaded to other views and would welcome the opportunity to talk to you or any of the others closely related to the project.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

GSM:mf

November 14, 1955

Dr. Nancy Jewell Cross
Box 2452
Stanford, California

Dear Dr. Cross:

Our Southern Regional Council has been too busy with day to day and week to week action these last few months to do much deliberate studying! I doubt that you will find any group in the South in a position to finance the inquiry you (and I) think would be useful. The nearest thing to it is some work, quite extensive, done by John Hope at Fisk University at Nashville for the Committee of the South on employment in industry. Otherwise best approach would be some foundation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: New South, July - September, 1955

November 14, 1955

Mr. C. Anderson Davis
Secretary
Bluefield Human Relations Committee
200 Jones Street
Bluefield, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Davis:

I'm available between January 1st and 11th, and between January 24th and February 10th. But you have an equally useful man much closer to you in John H. Marion, Director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations, at 100 East Franklin Street, Richmond, telephone 3-8538. A Presbyterian minister, informed, thoughtful, and helpful. Associated with him is Mr. William M. Cooper, of Hampton Institute. You would be best advised to get the team of two (one white and one Negro) to come out to Bluefield. Suggest you try to arrange that. If that doesn't suit, I could try to come, but it would have to be at your expense for the travel, and that's on the order of 75 dollars.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 14, 1955

Mrs. Virginia Coffey, Chairman
NAIRO
Educational Commission Department
105 City Hall
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Virginia:

Thanks for your note of November 9 informing me of the change in the NAIRO program so that our portion of the program comes on Thursday, December 1 insteand of Wednesday, November 30. As you noted, I will be there for the entire conference so this in no way conflicts with my schedule.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Milwaukee, also, Marsh Bragdon. Best personal regards.

Cordially,

F. B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

November 14, 1955

Mr. John H. Wheeler, President
The Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

We have received your letter of November 11 advising us that the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations authorized a special committee with you as chairman to negotiate with Mr. W. C. Chance for the position of Associate Director of the North Carolina Council.

We note that the suggested salary for Mr. Chance is $5,000 per year and that he will begin employment November 15. It has been the policy without exception for state groups to pay their director and associate director the same salary. This office provides for each a salary of $5,000 during this grant period. In the case of North Carolina you have undertaken to raise an additional $1,000 to pay your Director a salary of $6,000. It is our understanding that the reasons your committee was willing to employ Mr. Chance at a lesser salary then your Director was because he is a retired person with a pension and this is a special case.

While we would prefer that your director and Associate Director receive the same salaries we will approve the proposed arrangement if it meets with the satisfaction of your Executive Committee and Mr. Chance.

The relation between the Director and the Associate Director must work out on a cooperative basis between the men and with your Executive Committee. We believe that through consultation a program that is acceptable to both and a definition of responsibilities for each is possible.

We would be very glad to have Mr. Chance visit the Atlanta office to confer with the various members of this staff. We believe that it is important that orientation conferences with new staff members be held. Best personal regards,

Cordially,

F. B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

cc: Mr. Harry Jones, Dr. Wellons, Mr. Chance

November 14, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi:

We have just received from Mrs. Lyells a Vitae Sheet on Mrs. Williams who is being employed by the Mississippi Council on a half-time basis as Associate Director. We have looked over the data contained there in and believe that she is well qualified for this position. We assume that she was interviewed by members of the Mississippi Board and that the decision to hire her was made by the Board or one of its appropriate committees.

On the basis of information at hand we hereby approve her to be hired on a half-time basis as Associate Director of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

F. B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

cc: Mrs. R. S. Lyells
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Brunini

November 14, 1955

The Honorable Brooks Hays,
U.S. Mission to the U. N.,
2 Park Avenue,
New York 16, New York

Dear Brooks,

A couple of weeks ago the Attorney-General of Georgia, one Eugene Cook, in a big speech fussed at the NAACP, which he said was about concocted by Communists, and in passing took a swipe at SRC, which he said was a "front", though I never found out whether he means we were a front for the NAACP or for the Communists. Anyway we answered him with a press release (enclosed), and we have put together a longer memo, giving the straight dope about SRC. This we haven't proposed for publication, but just to set people straight.

Meanwhile, there seems to be an axis at work vs. the Fund for the Republic. The Hearst Journal-American scours up some dirt, Fulton Lewis, Jr. spreads the dirt around, So we half-knew what was acook when INS asked us in early November for our Board list. That we think is public property, so we gave it. November 7 the Journal-American runs a front-page spread "Name 21 Pro-reds on Dixie Race Study Council". Jumped on Rufus Clement and on a Piskie Bishop and Charles Johnson, and GSM, etc., claiming we had this or that against us in the files of the House Un-American Committee (in a couple of instances in the files of the California Committee!). And duly Fulton Lewis, Jr. bleated the "charges" in Fulton Lewis's broadcasts for the next few days. Also the White Citizens Council bunches, at least in one instance Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, November 12, '55, have carried a large paid ad, reprinting the Journal-American story, abusing the Fund for the Republic, etc. (and incidentally comparing SRC to John Brown).

All mean, and silly, and I suppose to be expected. Just wanted you to know about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:eab

November 14, 1944

Mr. Frazier Meade
Govermental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meade,

All straight on Prasad, who will be most welcome. I'll see that he sees people. And I expect I can meet him or get him met when he arrives.

I have a friend in Bloomington, Illinois, where I see Prasad goes, and I sent word to Prasad's Bloomington sponsor to hunt up my friend, and put her (a school-teacher) in touch with Prasad.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:eab

November 14, 1955

Mr. Lenoir Chambers, Editor
Virginia-Pilot
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Kind of you and Mr. Meacham to talk with me on Friday. Everyone is grateful for the wise policy which the paper has followed in all these matters.

When I awoke in Portsmouth on last Saturday and went out for your paper I was shocked to find the paid ad from the whatever it calls itself in Virginia. The Journal-American story may well be libelous, and I cannot think it fair to spread libelous material even as paid copy. Though I recognise the duty to let people have their (reasonable) say at space rates.

I had made a note to send you each a copy of a longish memo, we did just after a Georgia official used a similar line against us, and I do now send it up.

Seems to me friendly papers ought now to say that this kind of MaCarthyism run-riot is injurious. Mynders did such a column in his Nov. 13 issue of the Chattanooga Times. Virginia-Pilot, after inquiry and considerations?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitcehll
Executive Director

GSM:eab
Encls.

November 14, 1955

Mrs. Emory Hill
3607 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Julia and Ruth,

Silly man jumped on us. Here's much of the answer.

Best,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:eab
Encls.

"The Attack on Free Opinion
Extract from Cook Speech
SRC Answer
GCIC Answer

November 14, 1955

Mr. William K. Williams, Exec. Dir.
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

I have two of your letters at hand, one regarding J. Walter Dees and another regarding a letter of yours to Mr. Boyer.

In regard to the first, I don't know of any openings at the present time in the field of College Research in this field. You might suggest to Mr. Dees that he write John Field, c/p NAIRO, 565 N. Erie St., Toledo 2, Ohio, for they have a list of openings in the field.

Regarding the second letter, I think itsis always wise to drop such people as Mr. Boyer a letter similar to the one you sent. I wonder since Mr. Boyer says he "knows that the negro is perfectly satisfied with his lot" whether he would be of much value to the Council. I do believe though it would be helpful for such a person to receive the publications of the Council.

Best personal regards to you and Howard.

Cordially,

F. B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FB:mf

November 14, 1955

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November 14, 1955

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

We rejoice in that fine column you did yesterday. I hope it will inspire some of our other editor friends to do likewise.

A letter to Frank Starzel of the Associated Press under Dr. Mitchell's signature is going forward; you will receive a copy.

You will be interested to know that I learned through AP contacts that the story did not move on the wire but was telegraphed direct to the News Free Press, presumably at their request. This softens the blow a little bit anyway.

With deep appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 15, 1955

Mr. Frank Starzel, General Manager
The Associated Press
50 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Starzel:

We were astonished to find in the Chattanooga *News Free Press* of November 9 a story datelined AP, New York, and headlined "White Negro Study Unit Charged Pro-Red Taint; Southern Regional Council Officials Held with Past Commie Affiliations."

It is a matter of concern to us that so reputable a news service as the Associated Press would send out a story of this nature. We regret that AP did not offer us an opportunity to be quoted in answer to these scurrilous charges.

The original story in the *Journal American*, as you may know, was prompted by that newspaper's zeal to discredit the Fund for the Republic by attacking any and all recipients of Fund grants. Characteristically, this story was journalistically inexcusable and very probably libelous. Also characteristically, the *Journal American*'s allegations were ignored by the responsible press -- with the startling exception of the AP story referred to.

This exception would be less notable if the Southern Regional Council were an obscure and disreputable organization. On the contrary, however, the Council is a well established and widely regarded agency. Its incorporators included Bishop Arthur J. Moore of The Methodist Church, Mr. Ralph McGill of the *Atlanta Constitution*, and the late Professor Howard W. Odum of the University of North Carolina. Its present and past board members include such prominent Southern editors as Hodding Carter, Alfred Mynders, Virginius Dabney, and Jonathan Daniels. It has had support and endorsement from major religious bodies in the region, Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish.

I might add that the Council has been, and is, a much-used source of authoritative information for the press—including AP, UP, the New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, Time, Newsweek, as well as Southern papers. On many occasions we have made our files and informational materials available to the Atlanta Bureau of AP and AP Newsfeatures writers.

The AP report did omit the names of the 21 individuals defamed. But this cautious procedure served only to becloud the reputations of all 80 members of the Council's board, and to withhold from the Public the prominence and reputability of those attacked. The Journal American, of course, listed only their names, carefully suppressing identification by position and place of residence. So that you may judge the significance of this omission, attached is a list of these board members including their principal identifications.

We are sure that it was not AP's intention to damage the reputations of a constructive organization and the outstanding Southerners who make up its board. This letter is written in the hope that it may help prevent similar errors in the future.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director,
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL.

GSM:mf

cc: Alfred Wynders
Hodding Carter
Ralph McGill
Herbert Davidson
Clarence Hughes
M. A. Wright

November 15, 1955

Mr. Seymour Samet
Southeast Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Seymour:

Irene Osborne is to be in Florida November 28 - December 2, and is to visit Miami, we understand. Her move-abouts are being planned by William Williams, from the Daytona Beach office of the Florida Council on Human Relations.

I think you have little chance of getting Irene Osborne sent to Dade County for any month-long periods. When her assignment with us is up, about April 1, the AFSC will be parcelling her out to the many calls for her services all over the country. But you can talk with her when she's in Miami, or open up a proposal to Richard Bennett, AFSC in Philadelphia (20 South Twelfth Street), who bosses her.

My real view is that a brief but carefully planned conference with Irene Osborne would give your group a good part of the benefit that would result from a long stay by her. If you can get a bunch together that will set up a purposive local white and Negro committee to push the matter through, Irene Osborne can tell them how to do it. From then on its just will. St. Pete seems to be doing a good job on their own. The trick is to get the local school board officially to ask for advice to it from a white and Negro citizens committee. Then people will serve, and will talk, and the advice is mighty apt to be taken.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 15, 1955

Mr. Carter Wesley
The Informer
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 3, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

Thank you very much for sending us a copy of the statement that you gave to Bill Nunn of the Courrier and which was also carried in your own paper Thursday. We will appreciate your further comment in this weeks edition.

It is helpful to us here in the central office to know what is being said by our various board members and friends across the south. Harold Fleming, who is in charge of our Information Department, is handling the public relations aspect of the current attack on the Southern Regional Council. We had a very healthy Board Meeting at Tuskegee and were sorry that we were not benefited by your wisdom and counsel, but we understand how busy you are and that the meeting could not be made to fit in your schedule. Best personal regards.

Cordially,

F. B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

November 15, 1955

Mr. Mayes Behrman
The Inter-racial Commission
P. O. Box 4072
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

Our file copy of Race in the News ought about now to head back to its filey nest?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 15, 1955

Miss Rebecca C. Barton
Director
Governor's Commission on Human Rights
419 East State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Rebecca:

Very many thanks indeed. I will read with a great deal of pleasure, interest, and profit. Maybe we can use some!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 15, 1955

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

We have received your letter of November 11th and I have discussed the points you raise therein with Dr. Mitchell at length. You will recall, also, the conversations C. H. Parrish, you and I had at Tuskegee.

Your Board proposes that the $5,000 allocated for "additional staff personnel" be divided as follows: $2,500 for a half-time Associate Director (Negro) and $2,500 for the services of consultants and for the services of a special category of persons such as district officers, workshop resource persons both from within and without the state, etc..."

This plan deviates somewhat from our intentions but we are not arbitrarily opposed to it. We suggest the following safeguards: 1) that the majority of consultants be Negroes; 2) that the majority of workshop resource persons be Negroes; 3) that no more than $100 per district be allocated for expenses of district officers who are to do an organization job.

It is important for each state office to have full participation by competent Negro staff personnel, not because of the symbolism, but because of the absolute necessity of good communications and as a demonstration of the society we seek for the South of the future.

Sincerely,

F. B. Routh.
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf
cc: C. H. Parrish
Ruth Alexander

November 15, 1955

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

I am grateful to you for sending over to us the Minutes which Mrs. Crutcher took.

Mrs. Alexander, our Secretary-Treasurer, will send Mrs. Crutcher a check directly to Mrs. Crutcher's address.

In my telephone conversation with you, I should have made it clear that experience had taught me that exceptionally able stenographic skill is needed for taking Minutes at a meeting. We are grateful for your kindness, on the briefest of notice, in getting Mrs. Crutcher to come in and do the job. But, while we are able to patch together a fair account of what took place, I think it only right to let you know that a good deal less than a full and adequate piece of Minute-taking was done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 15, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

FROM: GSM

November 15th, about noon, received telephone call from one Bill Burson, who described himself as an assistant to one Attorney General Eugene Cook. Said he had been instructed by the Attorney General to obtain from us a list of our present officers. Had thought of coming over during his lunch hour to pick it up.

I told him that he would be perfectly welcome to them, and to come ahead. About 12:20 p.m., he came in. Small fellow.

I had him seated and asked him what in the world had come over his boss that the man should depart so far from any reasonable course of action. Poor Mr. Burson stated that he was an executive assistant to Mr. Cook and was not in position to have any opinions on the matter. He did venture on his own that the factual charges, as to the record of various persons named as having records, would stand, would they not? Asked if we had seen the story in the Journal-American, and offered to send us a copy. I said that we had a copy. I said that this was perfectly libellous, and he said that as a former newspaper man, he was inclined to agree.

I asked him if he would send us a list of persons appointed by the Attorney General of Georgia to assist in segregation cases. He said that these persons now numbered seventeen, and he would be glad to send us a list.

I handed him a copy of the mimeographed manuscript, "The Attack on Free Opinion," with a corrected copy of our current letterhead, showing the officers and the principal staff members. Was at pains to include Leonard Haas as Counsel.

On the list of all persons who had ever served on the Executive Committee, I marked those who were currently officers, plus, also, those who were, as of October, members of the Executive Committee.

I was unable to resolve in the few moments available whether the Reverend Andrew Turnipseed was a member of the Executive Committee, and did not so mark him. My card shows him as having been elected to the Board and to the Executive Committee May 14, 1953, and as having accepted August 6, 1953, and as in the class of 1955.

I incline to the view that he is a member of the Executive Committee, although Mrs. Brantley tells me that he has never been on any list currently used by her. This may explain the mystery of why he never comes to meetings. He may never have been notified of meetings.

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November 15, 1955

Mr. Morris Llewellyn Cooke
Consulting Engineer
Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Many thanks for the letter of November 14th, signed by yourself and my warm friend Dewey Anderson.

Perfectly willing to serve, but I haven't any means of meeting expenses of getting to conferences.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 15, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: HCF

FROM: GSM

George MacMillan called from Aiken. Has been in conference with Paul Smith of Colliers. Smith's man Campbell. Campbell has contracted with MacMillan for MacMillan, beginning January 1st, to cover and do a long piece on Talmadge-George campaign.

I discussed with MacMillan the attacks on us, and MacMillan said that maybe there ought to be a piece in the New York Times' maggie straightening people out. I hinted, but did not press, that MacMillan might write a piece somewhere.

MacMillan coming to Atlanta probably Tuesday or Wednesday, November 22nd or 23rd, and will discuss all items with us.

eab/

November 16, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Morris:

You wrote me on September 20, 1955 that you would like to resign from the Executive Committee and the Board of SRC.

The Executive Committee met on October 28-29, 1955. They accepted your resignation from the Executive Committee with expressions of great regret; and urged that you reconsider your resignation from the Board. Such was their respect for your judgement however, that they stated that after reconsideration if you wish your resignation from the Board to stand that it, too, will be accepted with regret.

I transmit this action of the Executive Committee to you and add my own cordial urging that you stay on the Board. We need and deeply value your advice. The Board only meets once a year and should not burden your time.

All of us are deeply grateful for the unstinted response that you have made through the last several years to our many calls for your wisdom.

Appreciately,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

GSM:rh
cc: Marion Wright.

November 17, '55

Dear Ed,

Nearly three years ago a squabbly Methodist minister from a small North Georgia town, nomine Blake Craft, who prints a monthly sheet, began in his sheet (called One Methodist Voice) to say that SRC was honeycombed with red-fronters. He was picking at his Bishop, and we happen to have office space in a mainly Methodist building which also houses the Bishop. Sectarian publication, not savoury, and we went smoothly on. In due time the Methodists deprived the man for a year, and in a Church court convicted him of slandering his brethren. This latter charge because he had an unhappy habit of waiting until someone he didn't like had been moved to a new Church, and then devoting a full issue to scandalous abuse of the not-liked, and flooding the new membership with the sheet! So on the surface we heard no more from the reverend gentleman.

About a year ago a Georgia politician, nomine Roy Harris, of Augusta, began using a sheet of his (Georgia pullulates with these local political weekly papers) nomine the Augusta Courier, to say likewise that we were full of guys with bad records. He was untruthful to a ludicrous extent, and he has a reputation over the state for being thus untruthful, and the paper was small and ill-regarded, so we let that ride.

About three weeks ago the Attorney-General of Georgia, nomine Eugene Cook, took up much the same line, but in a slightly more circumspect way than the hon. Mr. Harris. Cook was really fussing at the NAACP, but he sideswiped us and our affiliate the Georgia Interracial Commission, and you will see. This one probably portends an effort to get the January session of the Georgia legislature to ban us, as being bad eggs.

Not long after that one the INS queried us for a list of our Board members. We think that's public property, and so knowingly stuck out heads into the Hearst lion's mouth (rather a whiffy mouth). Consequence, the story of Nov. 7, and another one, which I haven'T handy (the one with pictures).

This attack seems to us probably libellous, and we are exploring action on that order.

They will similarly jump all the causes aided by our friends the Fund for the Republic, of course.

Fred Routh is going to NAIRO, and I'll stay home. Sorry to miss you and all the other good guys.

All these birds that jump on us are lying their heads off, and I guess know it. It's part of a build-up of a Nazi-like mythology; the Supreme Court are Communists, the sociologists who advised them are Commmists, all yho advocate compliance with the decision are somekind of reds; ergo - it behooves every good man and true to fight the Supreme Court and the law of the land. Trouble is it makes easy converts. I believe that the truth outs, and that this kind of monkey-business will finally put its advocates in the wrong. Meanwhile I don't know much to do except to say, through the courts if possible, that they lie, and wait until the public finds out it is being subjected to the action of a smoke-machine.

Best,

George S. Mitchell

Secretaryless for today, and personally hand typed, and looks it.

November 17, 1955

Mr. Paul Finner, Chairman
Florida Council on Human Relations
930 West Park
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Finner:

I have your letter of November 10, 1955, in which you seek the advice of this office in selecting a member of your board to serve on a SRC Finance Committee.

I have shared your letter with some of the staff people, especially Fred Routh. We are of the opinion that when the matter is taken up at your Board Meeting some of the members will be able to think of some person who might be able and willing to serve on this committee.

We can appreciate your problem of having to raise $3,500.00 to keep your organization going. However, you will remember that this proposed finance committee would not interfere with any contacts that the Florida Council has made in reference to raising money for its support. The SRC committee would try to find sources of financial support in your state that have not been approached such as corporations, foundations, etc.

Mr. Routh is enclosing a note to you in this letter.

We hope that this information will help you some in finally selecting a person to serve on this committee. If we can be of further help please call on us.

Sincerely yours

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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Mr. Nicholas Demerath
Institute for Research and Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Mr. Demerath:

At your request, we have reserved a room for you at the Dinkler Plaza Hotel (formerly The Ansley) for Sunday Night, November 20th.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Roy Fiske,
Secretary,
Harold Fleming.

November 18, 1955

Dr. Wilburt C. Davison
Duke University Hospital
Duke University,
Durham, North Carolina.

Dear Dr. Davison:

The Doris Duke Foundation made a Grant not long since to Southern Regional Council for bettering our informational service to the south. With a part of the proceeds we have employed a young woman, Miss Florence B. Irving, sometime from Raleigh, as a Research Assistant.

She is coming to Duke November 22 to see Mr. Powell, the Librarian, about correlating our filing system to his.

I would be grateful if you would permit Miss Irving to call on you briefly at the hospital, in order that you might have opportunity to know what she and we are doing.

Because of the shortness of time I have no hope that you will answer this letter; I merely wish to prepare you for Miss Irving's request for a moment of your time on November 22.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

GSM:mf

November 18, '55

Dear Irene,

Hope you are storing up rest from your hard travels!

I am taking Alice and the daughter Charlotte on a College-looking trip during Thanksgiving. U. of Ky. November 25 and Oberlin Nov. 26. Propose to run by Alliance on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 26, and discuss your getting back on the Florida trail for Monday, Nov. 28, if at that time you feel equal to it.

Shall you be at home?

Sincerely,

GSM

November 18, 1955

Mr. Benjamin Epstein, National Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Epstein:

I greatly appreciated the time and consideration which you and Alex gave Tuesday to the question of attacks on SRC Board members by the Hearst Press.

Enclosed is biographical material on the persons named in the Hearst story. I had hoped to get it to you earlier, but my return to Atlanta was delayed by bad flying weather. In one or two cases, we have no biographical details immediately at hand, though we should have in a few days.

I am also enclosing a reproduction of the advertisement placed by the Segregation Group in Virginia and a good column by Alfred Mynders, Editor of the Chattanooga Times -- as you know, the sister paper of the New York Times. I might add that several of the large Negro weeklies, including the Chicago Defender and the Afro-American, have run stories and editorials excoriating this attack on distinguished Negro leaders. As soon as we can get more copies, I will send them to you.

A word on the extent of Catholic participation in the SRC: One of the founders and a charter member of the SRC was the Most Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara, Archbishop of Savannah-Atlanta. Our Executive Committee has always included a Catholic clergyman, and does so now. Paul D. Williams of Richmond, Virginia, a noted Catholic layman, founder of the Catholic Committee of the South, and a Knight of St. Gregory, was president of the SRC from 1945 to 1951 and continues as a member of the board. George Mitchell received the 1953 Annual Award of the Catholic Committee of the South for his "fine contribution to the welfare of the South." The same awardk was conferred in previous years on Dr. Howard W. Odom, the first president of SRC, and Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director from 1944-1947.

I understand that the NAACP is planning to make some protest to the Hearst organization.

Anything which you and Alex may do to counter this New York aid and comfort to the White Citizen's Councils will be greatly appreciated. George Mitchell joins me in kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

cc: Mr. Alexander F. Miller

Enc.: 2 advertisements
2 editorials
biographical data

November 18, 1955

The Right Rev. Charles Clingman
421 S. Second Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Clingman:

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Executive Director.

GSM:mf

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Rev. George E. Clary, Exec. Secretary
Southeastern Jurisdictional Council
63 Auburn Av., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clary:

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Rev. W. C. Brooke:
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

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Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dr. Rufus B. Atwood, President
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

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Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee
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Rev. A. S. Turnipseed
251 Island Court
Mobile, Alabama

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Mr. Joseph Lyford
Fund for the Republic
60 E. 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Joe:

If you have reproduced the Marquis Childs column in large quanities we could use as many as 500. If you have not, whatever similar number you can spare will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 18, 1955

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York.

Dear Ed:

Enclosed are several items pertaining to the attack on SRC Board members by the Hearst Press.

Several of the large Negro weeklies have in their current issues articles and/or editorials excoriating the Hearst stories. I will send you copies as soon as we can get them.

As further background, a word about the extent of Catholic participation in the SRC: One of the founders and a charter member of the SRC was the Most Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara, Archbishop of Savannah-Atlanta. Our Executive Committee has always included a Catholic clergyman, and does so now. Paul D. Williams of Richmond, Virginia, a noted Catholic layman, founder of the Catholic Committee of the South, and a Knight of St. Gregory, was president of the SRC from 1945 to 1951 and continues as a member of the board. George Mitchell received the 1953 Annual Award of the Catholic Committee of the South for his "fine contribution to the welfare of the South." The same award was conferred in previous years on Dr. Howard W. Odom, the first president of SRC, and Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director from 1944-47.

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The Negro Press is pretty gennerally blasting the Hearst story; there was a good editorial in the Chicago Defender just out. The NAACP is planning to protest to the Hearst organization.

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387 Milledge Av.
Athens, Georgia

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Miami, Florida

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Miss Florence S. Sytz
School of Social Work
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

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Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Dr. Gomillion:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

GSM:mf

Enc.

November 18, 1955

Rev. Albert D'Orlando
1806 Jefferson Av.
New Orleans, La.

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November 18, 1955

Dr. J. M. Ellison
The Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

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November 18, 1955

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson, Editor
Daytona Beach News Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

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Executive Director.

GSM:mf

Enc.

November 21, 1955

Mrs. W. B. Hall
Speech Teacher
Whitesburg High School
Whitesburg, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Hall:

A brief resume of integration in Kentucky Schools appeared in the October issue of SOUTHERN SCHOOL NEWS available from Southern Education Reporting Service, P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville, Tennessee. Also a very informative article entitled "Integration Trial Balance", appeared in the September 18, 1955 issue of the Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL.

I am enclosing a copy of our publications list and a statement on the Council.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

November 21, 1955

Miss Gwendolyn DeSimone
State Teachers College
Lowell, Massachusetts

Dear Miss DeSimone:

I am sending you a copy of our publications list and several publications. You may send us eighty cents in either coin or stamps to cover the cost of these. The materials being sent you are:

The Negro in Our Economy

Changing Patterns in the New South

New South, October, 1955

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

November 21, 1955

Miss Rebecca Staples
Ben Lippen School
Route 4
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Miss Staples:

I am uncertain whether you desire information on segregation practices and statutes or evaluations that have been made of segregation. However, I am enclosing a brief bibliography which may be helpful. In addition, I am enclosing a list of our publications. Several pamphlets are being sent to you under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

November 21, 1955

Mrs. Frances Hogarth
5512 Monroe Place
Norfolk 8, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Hogarth:

I am enclosing a list of the cities indicated in our records as having interracial committees to advise the local School Boards.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

November 21, 1955

The President's Committee on
Government Contracts
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send us a copy of the proceedings of the October 25th National Equal Economic Opportunity Conference if these reports are available for distribution.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

November 21, 1955

Mrs. W. C. Pauley
State Education Chairman
League of Women Voters of Georgia
78 Marietta Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Pauley:

I am sending you several of our publications dealing entirely or partly with education. A copy of our publications list is enclosed. If you desire any of the material on this list or specific issues of NEW SOUTH, please call me at LAmar 1809, and I will see that these items reach you in time for your workshop.

The publications presently being sent you cost $1.15 and are as follows:

New South, October, 1955
Questions and Answers
Christian Conscience and the Supreme Court Decision on Segregated Schools
Desegregation in Education
Changing Patterns in the New South

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

November 21, 1955

Professor Dean F. Graunke
Director of Forensics
Eastern Montana College of Education
Billings, Montana

Dear Professor Graunke:

A bibliography prepared in our office and entitled Desegregation in Education has been sent you. In addition other pieces of literature dealing with integration in public schools were included. I think that you would also find the October and November issues of SOUTHERN SCHOOL NEWS helpful. These are available from:

Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156
Acklen Station
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

November 21, 1955

Mr. Roger H. Crook
Department of Religion
Meredith College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Crook:

Probably the most comprehensive statistical data on education in the South, can be found in the recently published Public Education in the South Today and Tomorrow edited by Ernest W. Swanson and John A. Griffin. The book was published by The University of North Carolina Press.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

November 21, 1955

Miss Gloria Howard
Program Chairman
Problems In Democracy Class
Southwest High School
3116 Sewell Road, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Howard:

I am sending you our publications list, the contents of Changing Patterns In The New South and the following publications:

Segregation And The Schools

Journal of Educational Sociology, October, 1954

The Schools That Broke The Color Line

Desegregation In Education

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

November 21, 1955

Association for Supervision and
Curriculum Development, NEA
1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send us fifteen copies of the November 1955 issue of Educational Leadership and forward the bill to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Regional Council.

Very truly yours,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

November 21, 1955

Mr. Stanley P. Hebert
Attorney at Law
24½ Tenth Street
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hebert:

Miss Southall has informed me of your desire for more information on the Southern Regional Council. In order that you may have materials for dissemination as well as for personal consideration, several copies of the Council's objectives, its publications list, and the contents of *Changing Patterns in the New South* are being sent you. A complimentary copy of NEW SOUTH for October 1955, is included. Several publications on integration that other groups have made available to us are also being sent.

Please contact us if we can provide further information. I believe you know that the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, which is the SRC affiliate in this state, would welcome your membership.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

Mrs. J. Russell Henderson,
Fort Worth Woman's Society of Christian Service,
110, North Cedar Street,
Little Rock,
Arkansas.

November 22, 1955.

Dear Mrs. Henderson,

I've bought a ticket on a plane on DAL that gets to Fort Worth about 5 P.M. the afternoon of Wednesday, November 30. Would like a bed to sleep on that night, and suggest you be good enough to reserve one, at a medium grubby hotel (I don't need or understand that Texas variety of 20 dollars a minute place), and I'll be contented there, and will show up bright and early Thursday morning. When and where?

I've booked back from Dallas (best I can do) about 4.30 the afternoon of December 1st.

Yours sincerely,

GSM:rl.

November 22, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate, President
Texas Commission on Race Relations
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

We appreciate your prompt response to our request in regards to a selection of one of your members to serve on a SRC Finance Committee.

We are quite sure that Mr. Charles A. Shaw will make an important contribution to the work of this Committee. You and Mr. Shaw will be notified when the full membership of the committee has been attained ~~and~~ and it is ready to function.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Marion Wright
Fred Routh
Mr. Charles A. Shaw

November 22, 1955

Rev. J. Claude Evans, Chairman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear. Reverend Evans:

We appreciate your prompt response to our request in regards to a selection of one of your members to serve on a SRC Finance Committee.

We are quite sure that Mr. J. M. Dabbs of Mayesville, South Carolina, will make an important contribution to the work of this Committee. You and Mr. Dabbs will be notified as soon as the formation of this Committee is completed and ready to function.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Marion Wright
Fred Routh
J. M. Dabbs

Mr. Frank S. Loescher,
The Fund for the Republic Inc.,
60 East 42nd. Street,
New York 17, N. Y.

November 22, 1955.

Dear Frank,

Do use that good January for coming this way on a tour.

We don't as yet know what State meetings are up for January, but will know in early December, and will send in to you the dope, by December 5.

Here's a list of Board members, starred by Fred Routh.
I give you fewer stars:

Hodding Carter.
Jerome Crossman.
Paul Christopher.
A.W. Dent.
E.A. McDowell.

Fr. Shean.
Florence Sytz.
Marion Wright.
Carter Wesley.
Carroll Brooke.

Towns on a Southward sig-zag:
Staunton, Va, Carroll Brooke.
Richmond State office.
Chapel Hill, N.C. Guy Johnson and the others.
Charlotte State Office.
Mayesville, S.C., plantation home of J.M. Dabbs, wisest and rightest man in that State. For direction inquire of the mule collar dealer in Mayesville, or of Miss Rebecca Reid, Calhoun St, Sumter, S.C. (about seven miles from Sumter and seven miles from Mayesville.)
Columbia, S.C. State office.
Atlanta, office.
Montgomery, State office.
Jackson, State office. Greenville, Hodding Carter.
New Orleans, State office and A.W. Dent.
Austin, State office (under orders to do better, and maybe doing it).
Houston, Carter Wesley.
Mrs. Jas. B. Crate.
Chattanooga, State office.
Louisville, State office, on ice. See Hugh Brim at SBTS, Louisville.

Mr. Frank S. Loescher,
The Fund for the Republic Inc.,
60 East 42nd. Street,
New York, 17. N. Y.

November 22, 1955.

Any or all, and you'll be welcome everywhere. I suggest you hold final plan till we write you December 5, and then you write out, or tell us when and where and we'll write ahead for you.

Best wishes,

GSM:rl.
Encl.

Mr. F.R. Jeffrey,
Fox Run Lane,
Greenwich,
Connecticut.

November 22, 1955.

Dear Friedel,

A great flow of action theewards now; and a letter soon.

Yours appreciatively,

This Spring we can work it to be together in
Virginia. Ellen's at William and Mary.
Write her address now, in case of hitch on
GSM, but she's there, and would love a visit.
P.O. Box 2448, Williamsburg, Va.

She lives in a dorm. called Brown Hall.

Sophomore at the College.

GSM:rl.

Miss Irene Osborne,
103, East Broadway,
Alliance,
OHIO.

November 22, 1955.

Dear Irène,

All Osbornes are most kind, but this Mitchell caravan, if it gets to Alliance, will be but pausing in headlong flight for Atlanta. If you are thenabouts still of a mind to rest some more, before picking up the long trail, maybe the best thing for me to do is telephone you from Oberlin, reassure myself that you are living well, and then head due Southwest for Atlanta, instead of making that jog off to the Southeast. Please ma'm send me a noteley or a postal care Director of Admissions, Oberlin College, marking it arriving Saturday November 26, 10.30 A.M., and say what you are doing about more resting or starting up right away. If you're starting up right off I'll come over and see if you look pink@cheeked enough to go. If you're staying put awhile I'll let you stay, and head home on the long pull.

If we do come, we are momentarily there, and please let no one cook supper for us: at supper-time we should be long gone for Portsmouth, Ohio.

This show does all right still.

I am for your resting till you feel quite well.

Your mail has been a'heading at you for days, and will still come.

Fred has cautioned Florida that you are unlikely,

Best wishes,

GSM:rl.

Rev. G. Jackson Stafford,
Batesburg Baptist Church,
Batesburg, S.C.

November 22, 1955.

Dear Mr. Stafford,

This is to confirm the readiness of the Southern Regional Council to stake you to travel Northwards, nowabouts or when in the next few weeks you may wish it, up to $150 readily, and up to $200.00 if need be. We could send you a travel advance, or you could perform the travel and send us an itemized account, and we would send back the check. My idea was that you would visit Oscar Lee, at the National Council of Churches, and people perhaps at Union, Yale, Newton or wherever.

Yours sincerely,

GSM:rl.

Mr.Thomas Sutherland,
Texas Commission on Race Relations,
309, West 21st. Street,
Austin, Texas.

November 22, 1955.

Dear Tom,

Some Methodist ladies, notably Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, have me coming to Fort Worth for a morning speech at their meeting on Thursday December 1st. I propose to get to Fort Worth about 5 on the afternoon of November 30, sleep somewhere that night, do my speech-making next morning, and leave Dallas about 4.50 on the afternoon of December 1st, headed home.

I don't invade people's states without notice ahead of time, but your state is such a whopper I would expect there to be little chance for us to get together in the course of this scrap of travel. But if you need me, come up there, or if I have to, I'll come by Austin, though I'm a homing pigeon by preference!

Yours sincerely,

GSM:rl.

November 22, 1955

Mr. Wm. K. Williams, Exec. Dir.
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

I appreciate your letter of November 5. Mrs. Joiner did write to me about a proposed meeting but gave me no date. I replied to her letter stating that I could come sometime. Today I received a letter from her and I quote "This morning I discovered, to my consternation, that a letter from you dated Nov. 3 had been put in the wrong box. Today, almost two weeks late, the letter was brought to me by the neighbor to whom it was delivered."

I am delighted that you and Mr. Roberts made the meeting. With best wishes from us, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

MET:mf

November 22, 1955

Mrs. J. H. Joiner
Rt. 1 Box 5 L
Maitland, Florida

Dear Mrs. Joiner:

I regret you did not receive my letter. At this writing, I am not able to give you a date either in January or February as I have some unsettled dates on my calendar but will let you know later. I am delighted with the program your group has made.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

MET:mf

November 22, 1955

Rev. LeRoy King
National Conference of Methodist Youth
Box 871
Nashville 2, Tenn.

Dear Mr. King:

In reply to your letter of November 14, I would like to say that I believe a work camp of the type you propose would be entirely possible in Atlanta. Of course, we would have to meet at one of the Negro Colleges. There would be no other alternative for a place within our city. I would give you whatever cooperation I could with the already loaded schedule I have.

With best wishes in this venture, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

MET:mf

November 22, 1955

Miss Vivian Long Sherard
970 Michigan Ave. N. W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Miss Sherard:

I have been trying to think through in what way I could help you secure a position in Atlanta Public Schools. I really have no definite point of contact that would help you. I do think you would be happier in the Fulton County system and if you would make your application to Mr. Paul West who is Superintendent, I would suggest that you tell him about your Paine College experiences and write him as fully as you have written to me. There is another thing that you might do. Contact Mr. Robert Cousins at the State Capitol. He is director of Negro Education of the State which you may already know. He looks with favor upon those who have attended Paine College Leadership School and he might aid you in getting a place in either of the systems of Fulton or Atlanta.

Hoping you may find a way, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

MET:mf

November 22, 1955.

Mr. George Guernsey,
Congress of Industrial Organizations,
718, Jackson Place, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear George,

Enjoyed the Conference. Thought it did much good, though much remains.

Expenses for GSM:

Plane fare -	31.02	Atlanta-Nashville-Atlanta.	
Airport bus and airport cabs.			4.00
City bus, Nashville			.15
Hotel			2.50
Meals			1.75
Total			39.42

Call on us again, and every best wish for you and the things you stand for, in the changes.

Yours sincerely,

GEM:rl.

November 22, 1955

Mrs. Walter A. Davis
7 New Townlane
Charleston 50, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I will begin my correspondence with Mrs. Tillman to see if we can't tie up a date with her for the early part of the year. If I fail, I'll try Ruth Robinson.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

MET:mf

Mrs. James S. Crate,
2410, Inwood Drive,
Houston, 19,
Texas.

November 22, 1955.

Dear Mrs. Crate,

I have reviewed carefully with Fred Routh the decisions of the Executive Committee of the Texas Commission held in Huntsville. Based on this review, the conversation we had at Tuskegee, and my previous knowledge of the situation in Texas, I outline my understanding of the decisions reached:-

First, that the Texas Board will be strengthened by the addition of certain key people in the Austin area, representing some of the other agencies working in the field of human relations, and organized labor.

Second, that this group, together with the officers of the Texas Commission will form a "steering" committee to assist the state office in formulating, planning, and evaluating program.

Third, that a full time Associate Director be employed by the Texas Commission (We have received word that this has been accomplished).

Fourth, that a closer watch on expenditure will be maintained and that the Texas Commission will operate on a solvent basis.

Someone from the Central Office will review the program, staff, financial status, and strengthened Board with the Texas Commission about the first of February. This provides, from the time of the Huntsville meeting, three months to put the house in order.

Best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

GEM:rl.

November 22, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Chairman
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Mrs. Tilly has just been in the state of Mississippi talking with Church Women in the state and has given a full report on the serious conditions in the state to our central staff and we all sympathize with the difficulties that you face.

One of the things Mrs. Tilly mentioned that caused me some concern was the fact that Mrs. Burt receives only (4¢) four cents a mile for travel between Clarksdale and Jackson for the use of her car and that the Council does not meet her Hotel bill and meals while she is in Jackson. I strongly urge that you pay her (6¢) six cents a mile which SRC pays its field people and that in accordance with regular SRC policy, her hotel bills and meals be paid for when she is away from home. This matter came up quite inadventently and was not a complaint at all on the part of Mrs. Burt. But when Mrs. Tilly mentioned it to me I felt that the arrangement was unfair. I trust that you will find it possible to take care of this matter and inform your Executive Director Mrs. Lyrells and your treasurer Msgr. Brunini.

Best personal regards and love to "little Mom".

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

cc: Msgr. Brunini
Mrs. Lyrells
Mrs. Burt

P. S. - This same arrangement should hold true for your other new Assistant Director, Mrs. Williams.

November 22, 1955

Mr. Henry Moon
NAACP
20 West Fortieth St.
New York 18, New York

Dear Henry:

I enjoyed seeing you last week and greatly appreciated the time you and Roy Wilkins game me.

Enclosed are a couple of items. You have probably seen the editorial from the Afro.

I will be writing you in more detail soon. Meanwhile, let me know if anything develops in your jurisdiction.

Best Regards,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

Enc. Norfolk Virginian-Pilot Ad
Mynders Column
Afro-American editorial

November 22, 1955

Mr. William Duffy
New York POST
85 West Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Duffy:

I enjoyed our conversation last Wednesday. Enclosed are several items on the Hearst press's attack on SRC board members. I hope it may add up to something in the *Post*.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enc. Norfolk Virginian-Pilot Ad
Mynders Column
Afro-American editorial

Mr. Hepburn Many,
Attorney at Law,
Carondelet Building,
New Orleans 12, LA.

November, 22nd. 1955.

Dear Mr. Many,

For a small community I would recommend a self-survey, on the view that when a group of citizens, white and Negro, find the facts and make a plan together, a permanent contribution has been made to the community's resources for conducting matters smoothly and fairly. But New Orleans is so large a city that I agree some outside agency ought to do the job. Perhaps also the non-involvement and anonymity of an outside body would be particularly helpful in this question.

In a growing number of Southern cities and towns the local school board has by an official minute impanelled a citizens' committee, white and Negro, to find the facts and advise the school board on a course of action, which course of action shall respect the law. Such places include St. Petersburg, Chattanooga, Asheville, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Durham, Nashville, Daytona Beach, Danville (Ky.) Houston, Hot Springs, etc.

I should think the New Orleans Board might well by an official act request a survey, making an appropriation for it if need be. In this connection I would advise that you or others be in touch with Mr. Phillip Coombs, of the Fund for Advancement of Education, 655, Madison Avenue, N.Y. 21, N.Y., as that body has expressed an interest in a survey much on the order of what you suggest.

In the course of the survey it ought to be possible to coordinate plans with those doubtless being made for the schools of the Archidiocese.

I send separately a manual of what we know about SELF-surveys, and a useful small book on the present schools question.

Yours sincerely,

GSM:rl.

November 22, 1955

Mrs. Fletcher McLeod, Secretary of Promotion
Woman's Society of Christian Service
700 Terrace Avenue
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Fletcher:

A week in Cleveland at the Assembly of United Church Women and the past week in Mississippi has delayed my answer to your letter. If I knew the dates long enough ahead I could come at the expense of the Council to your Family and Youth Conference. However, Father Albert Foley would be a splendid speaker but he is not on the payroll of the Southern Regional Council.

I want to thank you for sending me a copy of your report on the Jurisdictional work. You know I am always interested and glory in the program you are making. Best wishes both to you and Dr. McLeod. I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

MET:mf

Southern Re

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

November 22, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

FROM: Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director.

Frank Loescher of the Fund for the Republic will be traveling about the south in the month of January and will visit our state offices and confer with state organization officers. He is interested in attending any Executive Committee Meetings, or Board Meetings, or Annual Meetings that take place during that month. We would like to help him plan his itinerary to use his time most effectively.

Therefore, will you please send to me at once any proposed meetings that your organization will hold during the month of January. Please give this your prompt attention as we have promised to notify him by December 5.

cc: State Chairman.

CSM -
Sent - Air Mail - Nov 22nd
FBR

November 22, 1955

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Exec. Dir.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter regarding the new secretary. I do not think there is any doubt about our accepting her if she meets with your approval and is sincerely open minded on the question of race. I have turned over to Mrs. Alexander your letter so that she may record the young ladies Social Security number, etc.

I look forward to being with you on December 7 for your Board Meeting. Best personal regards to Dotty and the wee one.

Your Friend,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

November 23, 1955

First National Bank
First National Bank Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Gentlemen:

This is to notify you that on November 9, 1955, the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., in their business meeting confirmed the appointment of Mrs. Ruth House Alexander, then Acting Secretary-Treasurer, as Secretary-Treasurer of the corporation. As of this date the word "Acting" will be dropped from her signature on all business of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/rh

November 23, 1955

Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/rh

Mr. W. Williams,
Florida Council on Human Relations,
324, South Beach Street,
Daytona Beach, Florida.

November 23, 1955.

Dear Mr. Williams,

A long-time friend on SRC, and former Board-member, here in Atlanta is Phillip Shunhafer. He was not long since on a visit at Miami Beach, and there renewed his friendship with a man who might well be a helpful member of the Florida Council. The man is Clifford Strauss, (pronounced Straws), sometime of Richmond, Va. Aged 42, educated professionally in group social work, and has at various times worked with the Red Cross, United Jewish Appeal, and in the current bond sales drive on bonds of the State of Israel. Quite persuaded on matters interracial, and, with his wife, long active in good causes of our nature.

I have some link with Strauss, because his mother and father were particularly cherished friends of my mother and father, in Richmond, for many years. If young Mr. Strauss approaches his father's refinement of spirit, he will be an outstanding person in every way.

Clifford Strauss expressed an interest in what the Florida Council is doing. He could be helpful to you as a member, and quite probably in fund-raising. I do urge that you establish contact with him, preferably by a personal visit.

Clifford Strauss's address is: 1210, Cleveland Road, Miami Beach, Florida.

Sincerely Yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

GSM:rl.

November 23, 1955

Rabbi Leon Kronish
4144 Chase Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Leon:

I am glad you saw the NIRO Reporter article and thought it had some merit.

Regarding the Dade County Council on Community Relations, there is every possibility of its relating to the Florida Council on Human Relations.--Hollis Rinehart is a member of the Board of the Florida Council and also of Southern Regional Council. You could explore this with him. I think too that it might be wise for you to explore the idea with the Executive Director of the Florida Council, one WM. K. Williams, whose address is 324 S. Beach Street, Daytona Beach, Florida.

I would hate to see the Dade County Council fold simply because it could not gain tax exemption status. We believe it will be possible for the Florida Council to obtain tax exemption status for the Southern Regional Council has tax exemption and one of our state affiliates, Kentucky, has already obtained tax exemption. Anything that I can do to help, please let me know. I shall be down home over the holiday season for a few days and will give you a call. Best personal regards to you and the family.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

November 23, 1955

Miss Gertrude Noar, Director
Department of Education
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Gertrude:

Thank you very much for your invitation to the eleventh Annual Conference of ASCD in March.

There is a slight difficulty involved in my attending the Conference--it is financial. George Mitchell says that he is "chinchey" about spending Council funds for travel outside the south. He recalled that he spoke for ASCD sometime ago and that somebody up there arranged a speaking engagement for him with another group or a large church group. The honorarium from this speech paid his travel expenses to and from the ASCD Conference. Could somebody do a comparable service for me. I would like to attend as you obviously know. This is the only difficulty.

I would want to participate in a variety of the subject matters listed and would hope to bring to them the "enlightened Southern Viewpoint". Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

November 23, 1955

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Versey Street
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear George Hunton:

I have just read with considerable interest the reprint Helping the Panic Neighborhood put out by the Catholic Interracial Council of New York. I found it to be an excellent article and would like very much to provide our state officers with some copies thereof.

As you know the Southern Regional Council now has twelve affiliated state organizations for the most part called Councils on Human Relations (see the NAIRO Reporter for September 55). If it is possible we would like 150 copies of the reprint. If there is cost involved, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

Mr. Frank S. Loescher,
414, South 46th Street,
Philadelphia, PENN.

November 23, 1955.

Dear Frank,

For Harold, here is the dope on James T. McCain:

Born in Sumter, S.C., about 47 or 48 years ago. Went to Morris College, which is Baptist, in Sumter, and then did a Master's degree at Temple University, where he got a good deal of psychology and specialized knowledge of the techniques of reading. Maybe the Master's was in Education. Came back to S.C. and taught at Benedict College, in Columbia, for ten years, putting in some of that period as the Dean there. Has taught school at Mullins, S.C. and in Clarendon County. Described by his present associates in the S.C. Council on Human Relations as exceptionally accurate in his gathering of information, and as impressing to people by his sincerity.

Another possible candidate would be Professor (Economics) Paul Webber, at the State College at Orangeburg, S.C. Webber's extremely able, perhaps more modernly trained than McCain, but has some enticing private business enterprises in Orangeburg which make him reluctant to accept long runs of employment elsewhere. Of the two I would vote for McCain for this job, though I've not met McCain. Webber's pretty obviously a Professor, whereas I guess McCain's obviously a "fessor", if you know the difference.

From a careful sounding in the S.C. Council on Human Relations I gather that McCain would be willing to do his work on an ever broader basis, though S.C. would be reluctant to surrender his useful skills.

Sincerely yours,

GSM:rl.
c.c. H.C. Fleming.

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

By AIR MAIL.

Miss Irene Osbbrne,
103, East Broadway,
Alliance,
OHIO.

November 23, 1955.

Dear Irene,

Been a'pondering.

Most important thing is for you to get well and strong. Well and strong you'll storm Florida and the rest.

So I suggest that you stay yonder in Alliance, or wherever it suits you to do the most resting, until at least January 1st. Thereafter we would write you, or you write us (sooner if you should wish), and we could make joint plans for your getting out on your circuit. Your circuit is here for you, when you feel you want to take it up again, but it will wait. And Irene at her coolest didacticism (how's that 'un?) is worth waiting for.

So I'm not proposing to hit Alliance this run, though if your postal commands it, I'll do as commanded.

Dick understands that I am here proposing to put off your circuit-riding till later. Fred has telephoned Florida cancelling the November 28 - 29 businesses there, and is writing the others that there'll be postponement.

This is not to say that if you pop up and say "Whee! I'm in wiggling order" we wouldn't let you wiggle; it just says take plenty of time till you are sure you're wiggling to suit you.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

GSM:rl
c.c. Richard Bennett.

Mr. Oscar Lee,
National Chuncil of Churches,
297, Fourth Avenue,
New York.

November 23, 1955.

Dear Oscar,

Here's some run-down on Mr. G. Jackson Stafford, of Batesburg, S.C.

Pilot in the Marine Air Corps during World War 11. Discharged with rank of captain.

Graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Served as Fellow in the seminary Speech Department while a student.

Pastor of the Batesburg Baptist Church beginning January 1st, 1952.

Former chaplain of American Legion Post 61 of Batesburg-Leesville.

Former President of the Western Regional Baptist Training Union Convention, membership composed of 125 Baptist churches.

Formerly a member of the Board of Directors of the Ridge Community Concert Association.

Former President of the Central South Carolina Baptist Ministers' Conference, membership composed of Baptist pastors within aradius of 50 miles of Columbia.

Past Moderator of the Ridge Baptist Association of which the Batesburg Baptist Church is a member.

Chaplain of the Batesburg-Leesville Lions Club.

Member of the Board of Directors of the Batesburg-Leesville Red Cross Chapter.

Member of the General Board of the South Carolina State Baptist Convention.

Chaplain (Captain) of the 713th AAA Gn. Bn. of the South Carolina National Guard.

Mr. Oscar Lee,
National Council of Churches,

November 23, 1955.

Acting President of the Batesburg-Leesville Ministerial Association.

President of the Batesburg Elementary Parent-Teacher Association.

G. Jackson Stafford,
Resigned as pastor of the Batesburg Baptist Church (South Carolina), October 18, 1955. Resignation presented to the Church October 23, 1955.

Graduate of Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C. 1942.

Graduate of Greenville High School, Greenville, S.C. 1938.

Born in Spartanburg, S.C.

Reared in Greenville, S.C.

Permanent address:-

c/o Elmer P. Edwards,
103, Memorial Drive,
Greenville, S.C. (Phone 158).

I've written to him confirming our offer to cover a trip Northwards for him.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

GSM:rl.

Mr. David Freeman,
Fund for the Republic,
60, East Forty-Second Street,
New York 17,
NEW YORK.

November 23, 1955.

Dear Dave,

Our Counsel has prepared this memorandum on the current matters of law.

We have written out to the 21 persons whom we consider to have been libelled by the Journal-American story, and by Fulton Lewis, and their replies are now coming back. At a guess, half or better will be in favour of suing.

Our questions concern methods of suing; though there are still some of our official group who are reluctant to enter the long course of libel litigation. I'm not!

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director).

GSM:rl.
2 encs.

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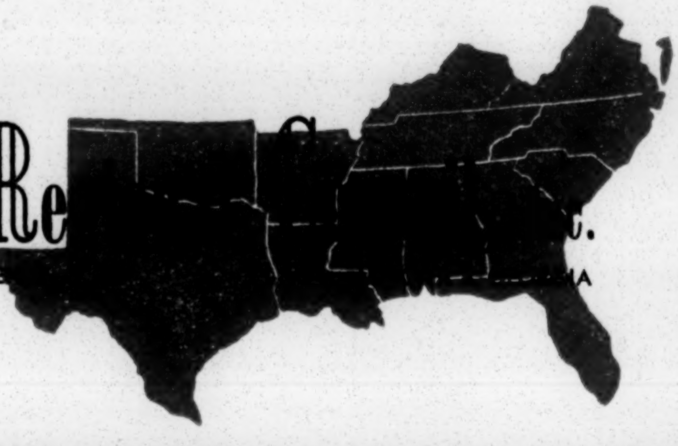

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, Executive Committee

FROM: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

At the direction of Dr. Mitchell I am attaching a draft of a proposed letter to Board members and officers of the Southern Regional Council in regards to contributions for the current year.

Dr. Mitchell felt that it would be a much more effective appeal if the first letters went out over your signature. He also mentioned that you might want to use your own letterhead. However, when the draft of the letter is completed this office will proceed to get the letters typed and ready for your signature.

rh/

11/23/55

Mr. Alfred S. Kramer,
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.,
297, Fourth Avenue,
New York, 10, N. Y.

November 28, 1955.

Dear Al,

Our newspaper clip files contain the following cases of ministers in the South who have been done out of their job on the segregation in the schools issue, in recent months.

You have files on the present Mississippi Presbyterian case.

Ministers Losing Pastorates.

Rev. Roy C. Delamotte - JACKSON DAILY NEWS (Miss.) of June 21, 1955 reported that Rev. Delamotte had been appointed to a Methodist Church at the Annual Mississippi Conference meeting the previous week. After a speech condemning Jim Crow the church informed the Conference that he was undesirable, and the Conference did not find a church willing to accept him.

Rev. Ed. Jones - ATLANTA JOURNAL of March 20, 1955 reported that Rev. Jones had been dismissed as pastor of the Fortune Baptist Church near Parkin, Arkansas in late February, 1955 because he preached that segregation was sinful. He was working in Memphis at the time of the news story.

Rev. C. Jackson Stafford - Resigned October 19, 1955 (effective Nov. 28, 1955) from pastorship of Batesburg Baptist Church, Batesburg, South Carolina.

Rev. Robert Trotman - ATLANTA CONSTITUTION of June 28, 1954, reported the resignation of Rev. Trotman upon the request of the deacons. This followed a sermon in which he approved the May 17th decision of the U. S. Supreme Court. He is from Lumpkin, Georgia, and the church involved was the Bronwood Baptist Church in Terrell County, Georgia.

Sincerely yours,

GSM:rl.

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

Rev.Paul N. Carnes,
First Unitarian Church,
1208 Vance Avenue,
Memphis 4,
TENNESSEE.

November 28th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Carnes,

I could be with you any day (or evening) from December 13th through the 16th, or in January on dates other than January 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, or January 18th - 23rd. Trouble is somebody would have to scare up the money to pay expenses - only.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

By AIR MAIL.

Mr. C. H. Parrish,
University of Louisville,
Kentucky.

November 28th, 1955.

Dear C.H.,

Milwaukee conference is OK for your travel, but I attach a condition; that you and John and Fred put in hours, not minutes, of sober work on the training business.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

November 28, 1955

Father Albert S. Foley, S.J.
Department Social Science
Spring Hill College
Spring Hill Station
Mobile, Ala.

Dear Father Foley:

I am taking the liberty of answering your letter to Miss Irene Osborne of our staff in which you invite her to be present in Mobile on December 19 and 20.

Unfortunately, Miss Osborne is quite ill and is on leave of absence from SRC recuperating at her parents home in Ohio. She will be on leave until the first of the year. I hope it will be possible for you to work her into your schedule sometime after the first of the year and we shall write you as soon as Irene returns to this office and we have had an opportunity to discuss her proposed schedule.

I have reminded George Mitchell that you are expecting him on December 5. He looked at his calendar and said he remembered, so you may expect him out there then.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

November 28, 1955

Mr. Lloyd Stratton
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
50 Rockfeller Plaza
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Stratton:

This will acknowledge, with thanks, your letter to Dr. Mitchell of November 18.

We were glad to learn that the summary of the Journal-American story which appeared in the Chattanooga News Free Press was not distributed on the news wires of the Associated Press.

We recognize, of course, AP's obligation to provide a direct service requested by a member paper, though we were sorry to see the AP slug used to confer respectability on disreputable charges.

As Dr. Mitchell wrote, we have the greatest respect for the AP's standards of fairness and responsibility, and his letter was intended to call attention to what we thought was an unintentional lapse in those standards. We appreciate your giving us the background.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 28, 1955

Miss Irene Osborne
103 East Broadway
Alliance, Ohio

Dear Irene:

I certainly have been sorry about your illness and trust that rest and good company at home will result in your complete return to good health. I have been taking care of the correspondence that has come in from the state organizations. As things now stand, we have postponed to some future date -- which we will talk about when you return -- the meetings scheduled for Florida and North Carolina.

George has suggested that you remain on leave till the 1st of January. I note, according to the old schedule which we had developed, thatywa were to be Philadelphia the week of January 2-6 and in Virginia the week of January 9-13 and the Central Office the week of January 16-20. I propose that we reverse these dates so that come January 2nd, you would come down here to Atlanta and spend the week with us in the Central Office reviewing where we go from here and examining in some detail the original proposed schedule. Then you could go to Virginia the week of January 9-13 which would leave any commitments they might have made still intact. The following week, January 16-20, you could spend in Philadelphia conferring with Dick Bennett and others. I will send a copy of this letter to Dick so that he is kept abreast of our thinking. This meets with George's approval.

I hope that you will have an enjoyable Christmas Season at home and that you will return to us with renewed vigor the first of the year. Rest, Relax, recover. Best wishes.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf
cc: Dick Bennett

Mr. Howard D. Samuel,
The Sidney Hillman Foundation, Inc.,
11-15, Union Square West,
New York 3,
NEW YORK.

November 28th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Samuel,

You wrote me November 21st. acknowledging and thanking us for a submission(s) for a Sidney Hillman Prize Award.

I admire you folks and try to do my end of what's right. But for the life of the Show I can't find anybody here that submitted for a prize award. We think everything we issue is worthy, but that's another matter! Best I can suppose is that Mdlle. No. 20953L got the address mixed up with something else!

Cordially yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

GSM:rl.

MEMORANDUM

Nov. 28, 1955

FROM: HAROLD C. FLEMING

TO: Appropriate Board Members

SUBJECT: Attacks by the Hearst Press

As you know, The New York Journal American and other Hearst-owned newspapers on November 7 carried a story impugning the patriotism of 21 members of the SRC Board. Our concern over this slanderous article was increased by its use in Virginia and Tennessee to discredit SRC affiliates in those states. On November 15 and 16, I conferred with the staff of the Fund for the Republic and other agencies friendly to SRC, in New York. Subsequently, Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Haas have discussed the situation. This memorandum summarizes what we know, at the moment, of the legal and public relations aspects of the matter.

Legal

Pending detailed legal study, it is the consensus that the 21 persons attacked may have legal grounds for a libel action. The Fund for the Republic has undertaken, through its counsel, to study the question in terms of jurisdiction and precedents in New York. The resultant findings will be purely advisory. Whatever they may be, the final decision will rest, individually, with the persons named in the newspaper story. However, should two or more persons decide to sue, the possibilities of a concerted action should be considered. The SRC, as an organization, would apparently have no basis for becoming a party to any legal action in this instance.

Mr. Leonard Haas, SRC's Counsel, has also done some preliminary study which reveals successful libel actions by persons who were falsely called"communists," "communist sympathizers," and "fellow-travelers"; the two latter terms, obviously, are closely analogous to the term "pro-red," which was that used by the Journal American headline.

As soon as the preliminary legal findings are available, we will pass them on to you. Meanwhile, we recognize that many extra-legal considerations are involved in contemplating libel actions; these may lead to differing individual decisions. We will, at any rate, summarize and circulate the most important extra-legal factors once the legal situation is clarified.

Public Relations

The Hearst papers are vulnerable to some extent, in terms of both circulation and public opinion, to the charge that they have defamed some of the nation's most prominent Negro citizens, as well as an organization which is working effectively for compliance with the Supreme Court's rulings in the South. Some of the steps in process are:

(1) The facts just mentioned are being brought to the attention of principals in the Hearst organization by such agencies as ADL and AJC, which are widely known and respected in New York.

(2) The NAACP either has protested, or will shortly, to the Hearst papers.

(3) The Negro press has strongly criticized the Hearst story; the use being made of it by white supremacy elements in the South has been called to the attention of the Negro press and may prompt further criticism.

(4) There is a possibility of direct protest to the Hearst papers from influential Catholic sources.

(5) We will undertake to get the positive story of the SRC and its work told by a national magazine of mass circulation, a network television program, or both.

(6) We will reproduce and distribute, through the Atlanta office and the state affiliates, favorable matter on SRC published by

newspapers or magazines. (A case in point was the recent column by Mr. Alfred Mynders in the Chattanooga Times.)

(7) The Atlanta office will work closely with the various state organizations in maintaining and strengthening the SRC's reputation throughout the South, as well as in meeting direct attacks.

November 29, 1955

Dr. Howard Grimes
Perkins School of Theology
Southern Methodist University
Dallas 5, Texas

Dear Dr. Grimes:

Thank you for your letter agree~~i~~ing to do the article for us by January 1. This will be ~~in~~ no means be too late, and we shall look forward appreciatively to receiving the manuscript.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 29, 1955

Miss Rebecca Reid
Sumter,
South Carolina

Dear Miss Reid:

We greatly appreciate your keeping us posted on the success of Dr. Wells's tape recording in Sumter. Needless to say, we are delighted that we were able to do even this much to help a difficult situation.

With admiration and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 29, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 E. 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Frank:

Enclosed is a copy of the reply from AP in New York. Please circulate it to Lyford and anyone else there who should see it.

Obviously the matter rests at this point. I think the exchange of correspondence helps to sensitize the AP to the need for care in handling this kind of matter.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enc.

L.H. Samuels Esq.,
University of the Witwatersrand,
Johannesburg.

November 29th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Samuels,

I am grateful to you for sending over the excellent and prophetic paper from South Africa's Changing Economy. Among many interesting points I singled out the one about the loss of artisan skill among the later generation of white people, propped as they are on drudge labor beneath them.

I send as a return two items (in which I have no claim of authorship) but which will be resource material on the American South. They'll be along separately, by slow boat! I commend particularly the map at the back of the pamphlet called "Answers for Action".

Altee and I remember your visit, and cherish that chance of a lifetime to hear of South Africa.

My Council is being belabored by bad guys, and called hard names. But Southern people won't relive their hard history again; we'll do better this time, and the better will show pretty soon.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

GSM:rl.

Mr. R.D. Wellons,
Pembroke College,
Pembroke, N.C.

November 29th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Wellons,

I had a pleasant, thoughtful letter from a North Carolinian, asking for a job. There aren't any more jobs here,or elsewhere, and I so wrote him. But I thought you ought to know about him, and quietly explore whether he might later on be useful in some employed or volunteer capacity in North Carolina.

Wade M. Mackie. About 45. Lives as Goldsboro (address: P.O. Box 225, Goldsboro, N.C.), came originally from Yadkin County; went to Guilford, worked on the Greensboro Daily News and in Savannah and Brunswick. Private business eight or nine years in the '40's, and then became (1949) district director for Eastern N.C.for the Greensboro Daily News. Married and has three children, oldest child, a boy, at Guilford. Active in the Society of Friends all his life, active with Tartt Bell's show, and "concerned" about race relations.

Good guys are hard to find; I cherish every one.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

c.c.s. mailed to:
Fred Routh.
Ruth Alexander.

Mrs. Donald R. Fessler,
111, Monte Vista Drive,
Blacksburg, Va.

November 29th, 1955.

Dear Mary,

I have had your nice order, and the letter, hereabouts for a month: apologies. But the office did send the four booklets. The "Educated South" is too old to be helpful; our best job on that is "Answers for Action", which you must have (one with the map).

Blacksburg for me has a special link with a boy named Charles Burr. This young man, from Christiansburg perhaps, studied under Dr. Garnett, and learned to translate the mountains that Garnett knows into newspaper language - a valuable young man. Burr worked in Farm Security for some years, and I had the remote bossing of him, and came to know him well. He married a lanky West Virginia girl while they were with FSA in Cincinnati. Then Burr joined the army, and was on a LST heading into the beach in Sicily when a shell hit the LST and that was the end of Charlie. The girl bore a son, and she and the son and a lately-acquired husband are here in Atlanta; a pleasant couple and our good friends. And the boy named Charles, and as promising as his father. Keep your ears open for someone else who remembers Charlie; a hard man to lose.

You and hon. husband will be warmly welcome here if business or just riding bring you to Atlanta. And we'll stop if we ever get a chance.

Sincerely yours,

GSM:rl.

Mr. Wade M. Mackie,
P.O. Box 225,
Goldsboro, N.C.

November 29th, 1955.

Dear Wade Mackie,

I have pondered about your helpful letter of November 3rd.

Our goodish grant from the Fund for the Republic has gone into organizing and staffing twelve State organizations. Each has a Director, and an Associate Director, and a clerk. The State bodies raise their own travel and rent and other expenses, and must increasingly pick up the load of their own support. In Atlanta, for a central office, we have six or seven professional people, a Secretary-Treasurer, an administrative assistant, and too few clerks. As of about last August all of the State positions had been filled, and this office here has as many people as it can hope to pay, though still not as many as there is work for!

The North Carolina Council on Human Relations, as you will know, has its office at Charlotte. They engaged Harry Jones as Director, and lately took on Mr. Chance, from your part of the State, as Associate. These two, plus a clerk, are the show in N.C.

I will be watchful for a spot, here or elsewhere, where you might be brought in. That is all that for the moment I can do.

Mrs. Doak, (Sr. and Jr.) and I are good friends, and I would know a good many of the people you work with a Guilford. So I feel a connection. And, of course, I know the Greensboro Daily News, in the days of its greatest glory, and in its present stature.

Sincerely yours,

GSM:rl.

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.).

Mr. Marion A. Wright,
Linville Falls,
North Carolina.

November 29th, 1955.

Dear Marion,

Leonard gave us this opinion, a copy of which I have sent on to the F. for R. Here's one for you, and I am sending another to Rufus Clement.

Sincerely yours,

GSM:rl.
Encl.

Mr. Rufus E. Clement,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,
GEORGIA.

November 29th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Clement,

Leohard Haas sent us this opinion. I have had one go to the F. for R., and one to Marion, and this is for you, in your capacity as member of the ~~social~~ Special committee to see whether we sue or do what.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.).

GSM:rl.
Encl.

By AIR MAIL.

Mr. Tom. Sutherland,
309 West 21st. St.,
Austin 5,
TEXAS.

November 29th, 1955.

Dear Tom,

Got your letter of November 28th and can't do much about it.

I leave here on DAL's 791 which gets to Love Field, Dallas at 3.03 P.M. I hope to hop a plane ride to Aymon Carter. I've written Mrs. H.H. Hestir, 6467 Woodstock Road, Fort Worth, who is the lady locally said to be in charge, and told her I would be thus arriving, and asking her to call or wire me whether she would get me met at Aymon Carter or in downtown Fort Worth, to get me further on my way to Camp Carter, where I do a speaking job tomorrow, Wednesday, evening. I guess I'm supposed to sleep at Camp Carter Wednesday night, and be available for speaking Thursday morning. I plan to leave Love Field, Dallas, at 4.30 P.M. Thursday, December 1st.

I've made engagements in Atlanta for Friday, and can't break them, so staying over for Saturday the 3rd. is "no can do". But I am sure you are all on the right track, and will move along smoothly.

If Hurlburt is in the Dallas Fort Worth area, and he and I can meet in the course of this trip-let I would be delighted. Suppose he gets in touch with the Methodist ladies, through Mrs. Hestir, and I will ask for him, and hope to find him.

On the Thursday there ought to be at least an hour or two to try to see anybody you want me to on funds, or to do any other chores you may want attended to.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

November 29, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
P. O. Box 1326
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

My apologies for not writing you sooner, but since Tuskegee I have been successively out of town and in bed with a virus.

As you will recall, we discussed at length at the Annual Meeting the question of organisational publicity. As I said then, I think it is extremely important for every state organization to give careful but full publicity to its existence, its philosophy, its aims, and its methods of work. Obviously such publicity may inspire some negative reactions. However, the failure to put the organization clearly on public record is, in my opinion, far more dangerous. For then at any time any unscrupulous individual may publicly reveal the existence of the organization in such distorted and damaging terms as he chooses. The state organization is particularly vulnerable to the charge that it is a secret or conspiratoral group which dares not come out into the open. We know that this is not true, but a complete absence of public interpretation would make such a serious charge possible.

On the whole, restrained and well planned organizational publicity from time to time seems to me a wise course. Extremists are going to attack the state organization when it suits their purposes, whether it has issued any public statements or not. To get the organization's point of view clearly before the public before such attacks is far more effective then later efforts to deny or refute false charges.

I am sending under separate cover copies of the several materials which we have available for limited distribution.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Mantinband.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 29, 1955

Dr. Bennett Wall, Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Historical Association
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Dr. Wall:

We here at the Council were impressed by the newspaper accounts of William Faulkner's speech before your organization in Memphis, Tennessee recently. We were interested in securing the rights to reprint this article and wonder if it is in the public domain. We notice that the article appeared in the November 30th issue of the Christian Century.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience about reprint rights.

Thanking you for any consideration.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Editorial Assistant.

JC:mf

November 29, 1955

Mrs. E. C. Geiger
Route 3 Box 525
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Geiger:

As you noted, Mr. Faulkner's article was originally a statement which the United Press Association distributed to newspapers throughout the country.

I should think the best procedure would be simply for you to send it as a letter to the Jacksonville Journal with an introductory sentence saying that you think that other readers would find it of interest.

We appreciate your interest in getting the excellent Faulkner statement more widely read.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 29, 1955

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter of November 22. The recommendations that you make are extremely helpful, and we agree wholeheartedly with your point that now is the time to get the story of the SRC more widely told.

Initial exploration of the legal advisibility of libel action is proceeding. There should be sufficient basis soon for the individual Board Members to decide whether they want to undertake it. I will be trying to promote national magazine and/or TV treatment of SRC in the days to come. If this brings me to New York again, I will be calling you. And in any case I will be in touch with you as further developments unfold.

With appreciation and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 29, 1955

Dr. Howard Grimes
Perkins School of Theology
Southern Methodist University
Dallas 5, Texas

Dear Dr. Grimes:

Thank you for your letter agreeing to do the article for us by January 1. This will by no means be too late, and we shall look forward appreciatively to receiving the manuscript.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 29,1955

Mr. Marion Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Reference is made to your letter of November 24, 1955 addressed to Dr. Mitchell.

The arrangement for setting up the SRC Finance Committee as proposed in our recent letters to the twelve (12) State Chairmen is recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee meeting on October 28-29, 1955. The proposal for giving each State Council one-half of the funds raised in its particular state is also shown as being approved by the Executive Committee.

You will recall in our letter to each State Chairman that we stated as follows, "It was agreed also that each state council would receive one-half of the funds raised in its particular state by this proposed SRC Committee." However the questions which you raise as to clarity of this point seem to be very important and should be cleared up now.

After a consultation with the staff we have decided to send out a follow-up memorandum to each State Chairman giving further clarification on division of funds raised in a particular state. We are enclosing a copy of this memorandum for your information and criticism.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Fred Routh

November 29,1955

Mr. J. H. Marion, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 - East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

We are getting out a memo to govern fund-raising by a new SRC Finance Committee. Regulation 2 states that money that has been coming for years to SRC from within a State will keep on coming to SRC, without any split with the State organization. I want you to understand that I stay by my word that what SRC has previously been getting from Bill Ellyson and/or Miller and Rhoads is to be sought in its entirety by the Virginia Council, without sending any of it to us. That's because it seems more suitable for a great mercantile establishment to help with its won city and State.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:rh

c.c. Fred Routh
G. S. Alexander

November 29, 1955

Mr. John J. Scanlon
THE FUND FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter with the good news. Since I know how many demands you have had for copies of the Griffin-Swanson volume I am doubly appreciative of the 50 copies you are sending us. We will try to make extra good use of them.

I am sorry not to have had more time with you when I was in New York. Next time I will try to arrange to snag you for lunch. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Day file

November 29, 1955

Mr. Marion Wright
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your letter of November 19 giving your second thoughts on the way in which your speech should be characterized in New South. I think your reservations are sound, and we are going to press with the simple statement that your speech was adopted in principle as expressing the views of the Annual Meeting.

Two items have been sent to you under separate cover: (1) A copy of my memo to the 21 Board Members; (2) a copy of Mr. Haas' letter to Dr. Mitchell summarizing his preliminary view of the legal aspects of the Journal-American attack.

My understanding is that you plan to discuss the matter with Paul Williams. You will note in my memorandum a brief reference to the possibility of Catholic influence being brought to bear. It seems to us unwise to emphasize the point any more then that, but I am sure that Paul will readily understand the situation.

We will keep you advised of further developments as they occur.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 29, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Bem Price
Route 1 Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret and Bem:

Many thanks all at once for the help in getting our case before AP and for your recent note enclosing the Washington Post article, which I hadn't seen.

Enclosed is a copy of the answer we got from AP in New York. I guess the matter can rest at this point. I think we are much better off for having raised the question, and Bem's advisory from inside was a great assist.

Also enclosed are a couple of items which show the noble uses to which the Journal American story is being put by the Southern hate groups.

I was recently in New York to explore possible counter-actions ~~of~~ both legal and public relations. Libel action by some of the Board Members named seems a definite possibility, though final decision is awaiting the results of legal exploration now underway. The Negro Press is raising something of a howl about the Hearst attack, and some direct protests are being made by some of the minority group agencies in New York. I have the further job of trying to promote a major favorable treatment of SRC in one of the mass circulations magazines, on a network TV show, or both. Haven't had a chance to do much about it yet.

This is the age of attacks, it seems, and there's nothing to be done for it except to fight back as effectively as we know how. Meanwhile, a good many things are happening that give us cheer. We remind ourselves that forces much more important than

Cook and Griffin and the Hearst Press are dragging us, kicking and screaming, into the twentieth century.

I hope to see you all soon, one way or another, and meanwhile will keep you posted on the battle of the smears. Jane is getting more obviously maternal everyday and sends her best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enc. AP letter
Virginia Ad
Mynders column

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 29, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: All State Chairmen

FROM: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

RE: SRC Finance Committee

For your information we are enclosing a detailed outline of our policy concerning the distribution of funds raised in a particular state by the SRC Finance Committee.

The policy will be as follows:

(1) Funds that have been ordinarily raised from certain previous sources by a State Council will go directly to the State Council as is done presently. These funds will not be divided with SRC. It is hoped that the new SRC Finance Committee will in good measure contact new sources for contributions not heretofore contacted by the local state organization.

(2) Funds that have been coming directly to SRC over the years from certain organizations that may be located within a state where a Council exists will continue to come directly to SRC as is presently done. These funds would not be divided with a state organization

(3) All contributions from new sources within a state where contacts are made by the new SRC Finance Committee, would be divided 50-50 with that state. State of origin of funds is what governs; not State of origin of impulse.

(4) Funds that are raised by the SRC Finance Committee from sources in states where no affiliate of SRC exists would come directly to SRC. These funds would not be divided with State Councils.

November 30, 1955

Dr. and Mrs. Lester Rumble
St. John's Methodist Church
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Friends:

Your fellow citizen, Roy Harris, has been appointed along with 16 other Georgians as Assistant Attorneys for Gene Cook, our State Attorney. Their function is to protect the state from "Communist Invasion".

I do not suppose you see Roy Harris' weekly paper. In it he spends most of his column denouncing the Southern Regional Council and the Ford Foundation. I wish in some way you could see his paper each week as he also attacks the Georgia Interracial Committee. I haven't much hope that you have any power to influence him but I did want you to be aware of his activities. In his last paper he states that there will be a bill introduced into the Legislature prohibiting the State Purchasing Department from buying Ford Cars.

Gene Cook is making plans to at least smear both the Southern Regional Council and the Georgia Interracial Committee through the Legislature.

I am enclosing a mimeographed copy of a story of the Georgia Baptist Association believing you will be interested in it.

I regret that both of you are so far away from us for you would be a help at this time. With best wishes for you at the Christmas Season, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:MF

November 30, 1955

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, Exec. Dir.
TEXAS COMMISSION ON RACE RELATIONS
307 West 21st St.
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Tom:

Congratulations for your job of exposing the violence in East Texas and for your efforts to counteract it.

Do you have another copy of the story in the Austin Statesmen which you could send us? I took the original copy to New York recently and it was appropriated by Frank Loescher for the files of the Fund for the Republic. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 30, 1955

Mr. Edwin T. Pratt
Urban League
1020 McGee
Kansas City 6, Mo.

Dear Mr. Pratt:

Our heartfelt apologies for the failure of New South to reach you. A check of the records reveals that your subscription was duly entered but through a clerical oversight no stencil was made. This has been corrected and copies of the last three issues have been sent to you separately.

I am very sorry this slip occured. Let us know any time we can supply additional information about southern developments.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

November 30, 1955

Miss Emily Calhoun
759 N. 26th Street
Philadelphia 30, Pa.

Dear Emily:

Your letter of November 6 was read by all of us in the office. We were glad to hear from you and were interested in the "League of Nations" in your house. You stated you took turns cooking. Did you mean your Nigerian and Indian cooked the salt port and turnip greens or were you the cook on the day they were served and did you serve them to the Nigerian and Indian?

You should see our setup now. It is almost a new force with the exception of Harold and myself. I don't believe you would know anyone else.

We will miss you this Christmas making Christmas cards with us. With lots of love and good wishes for a happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

November 30, 1955

Dr. E. C. Peters
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Peters:

Attorney General Gene Cook has appointed Roy Harris as one of his Special Attorneys to rid Georgia of "Communists". He is devoting his weekly paper largely to the Southern Regional Council and the Georgia Interracial Committee. Mr. Cook has appointed 16 other Attorneys over the state. Some of these men can be influenced by our friends and their families. I haven't any such hope about Roy Harris. I did want you to be aware of what he is doing.

For fear you didn't see it and knowing you are interested, I am enclosing a copy of some action taken by the Georgia Baptist Association at its meeting during November.

Listen and see if you can find out anything further about Mr. Harris' proposed action in the Legislature. With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

Enc.

Mrs. Edwin R. Haas,
c/o Mr. Leonard Haas,
Suite 601, Haas-Howell Building,
Atlanta,
GEORGIA.

November 30th, 1955.

Dear Mrs. Haas,

Gentleness and thoughtful kindness and self-sacrificing helpfulness I think is named Haas.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
Encl.

Mrs. Margaret Dagen,
114, South Bemiston,
Clayton 5,
MISSOURI.

November 30th, 1955.

Dear Maggie,

Two items.

Your advice about Oberlin grew on me. Thanksgiving week-end I took Charlotte and her Mother up there, via Lexington, and we looked at UK and Oberlin. I had a comfortable loyal Southern hope that Charlotte would like UK the most, but she saw at most that Oberlin would be better by her, and she by Oberlin, so her mild hopes are set that way. Hard for her to get in because she knows and says that she's a one-year gal, with Scotland after the freshman year. I agree that 'tis a daggone good college, and I hope she will get in and I hope I can foot the bill.

You said at Flagstaff that along about now you would explore again getting Gibbons and the Teamsters to find us a thousand or two. If you will raise the edge and look under and then tell me how and to whom to write, I'll aim for the upper edge.

Brim is running both things - School and Ky. Council, but I think January 1st. or so they will put it in full-time hands. Our treasure guy has faded into the remoter background.

Everybody's jumping on SRC, calling us names, but we think it means we are doing good.

Sincerely yours,

GSM:rl.
2 Encls.

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.).

November 30, 1955

The Rev. M. Chick Wilkerson, Pastor
Main Street Methodist Church
709 N. Main Street
South Boston, Virginia

Dear Mr. Wilkerson:

We were glad to have your recent letter concerning the proposed study guide of the Virginia Conference Board of Social and Economic relations.

The leader's guide prepared by the Methodist Board of Education is very well done, but I can readily understand that your group might wish to prepare something more closely geared to the Virginia situation. If you haven't done so, I suggest that you consult The Rev. John H. Marion, Director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations, 100 E. Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia. I am sure you would find Mr. Marion's suggestions valuable.

I am sending you separately a few of our materials which may be of assistance. Included are the publications list of the Southern Regional Council and a more general Bibliography on the question of Desegregation in Education. I am also sending sample copies of our monthly publication New South and one or two of our pamphlets.

Please let me know if we can be of any further help to you and your group.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 1, 1955

Mr. John Langrod
467 Central Park West
New York 25, New York

Dear Mr. Langrod:

Thank you for your expression of interest in the Southern Regional Council. I am enclosing a statement which indicates the aims of the Council and the fact that persons outside the South may be enrolled as Associates for Five ($5.00) Dollars.

We are also sending you a complimentary copy of New South, our publications lists and the contents to Changing Patterns in the New South. We shalllook forward to your becoming an Associate of the Council.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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December 1, 1955

Mr. Jonas O. Rosenthal
Department of Sociology
Wharton School of Finance
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rosenthal:

The November issue of Southern School News contained a report of its recent survey on Negro teachers' tenure and attitudes in desegregation. This publication is available from:

Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville 5, Tennessee

The Winter 1955 edition of The Journal of Negro Education, probably available in your library, reported on a study made among South Carolina teachers. In addition, a summary of an Associated Press survey has appeared in several papers including the Chattanooga Times (Tennessee) for October 23, 1955.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

December 1, 1955

Circulation Department
DURHAM MORNING-HERALD
Durham, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Please send me a copy of the November 21, 1955 issue of the Durham Morning Herald. I am enclosing fifteen cents to cover cost and mailing.

Very truly yours,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

December 1, 1955

Circulation Department
THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER
Charlotte, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Please send me a copy of the November 24, 1955 issue of The Charlotte Observer. I am enclosing fifteen cents to cover cost and mailing.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

December 1, 1955

Miss Marilyn Shapiro
89 Clark Avenue
Chelsea 50, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Shapiro:

We are sending you copies of our publications list, the contents of Changing Patterns in the New South, a recent issue of New South and our publication, The Negro in our Economy. If you desire other publications from our list we shall be glad to forward those to you.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

December 1, 1955

Miss Dorothy Pfister
2650 Marion Avenue
New York 58, New York

Dear Miss Pfister:

In May 1955 Mr. Earl B. Schwulst, president of the Bowery Savings Bank, New York, New York was appointed chairman of the Commission on Race and Housing. This commission is conducting a comprehensive survey of minority housing conditions throughout the United States any may shortly have information available that will be helpful to you.

I am sending you a reprint of the article "Open Occupancy Housing" and our publications, "Housing in our Cities" and "Housing in the South." Please remit twenty cents in coin or stamps for the last two items.

A copy of our publications list is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

December 1, 1955

Miss Margariete Montague
645 Mervyn Avenue
Santa Rosa, California

Dear Miss Montague:

I am sending you a copy of our publication, The Negro in Our Economy, the contents of Changing Patterns in the New South and our publications list.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

December 1, 1955

Mrs. Peggy H. Wesley
209 N. Campbell Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Wesley:

Your letter indicated that you were developing a study on the "Effect of the Geographic Aspect on the Economy of the South." If you would clarify the topic I would be glad to determine if we have any helpful materials.

I am enclosing copies of our publications list, a statement of our objectives, and the contents to Changing Patterns in the New South.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

December 1, 1955

Dr. B. E. Powell, Librarian
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Powell:

Thank you very much for the courtesies extended to me during my recent visit to the Duke University Library. I am confident that the information and suggestions provided by you and your staff will enable us to handle our materials more competently.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

December 1, 1955

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Thanks for your recent letter giving us permission to reprint the *Christian Century* article. It will appear in the December issue of *New South*. You can be sure I won't "improve" it by 90% cut, as I did the New Orleans speech.

I am embarrassed about the mention of the Tuskegee meeting in my last letter. Without revealing any confidences, I may say that I knew you were to be nominated for return to your proper position on the Board and confused that with existing membership -- which indeed should have been all along. You will get official notification soon, if you haven't already.

You are rapidly becoming our favorite author around here. I have lately read in quick succession your articles in the *Yale Review* and in the *Presbyterian Outlook* -- both splendidly done.

I don't see any immediate prospect of a trip to South Carolina, but if one arises I will be traveling down your road -- with due warning of course.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 1, 1955

Mr. Bennie Carmichael
School District of Marlboro County
Bennettsville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Carmichael:

Dr. Mitchell, who is away on a trip, has asked me to answer your recent letter.

We appreciate the opportunity to have our materials reviewed for possible inclusion in the bibliography you are preparing. I am sending you separately a copy of our publications list, as well as sample copies of several publications which are particularly pertinent. I am also including a more general bibliography which was prepared by a member of our staff several months ago; as you will see, it is not completely up to date but it should be of some help.

Our Research Assistant is in the process of bringing the latter bibliography up to date. If we could help by reviewing your first draft and making suggestions, we should be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 1, 1955

Mr. Warren E. Gauerke, Associate Professor
Division of Teacher Education
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gauerke:

Thank you for letting me know that your article is in process. Could we agree on January 1 as a deadline? This would enable us to include the article in the January issue, thus starting the new year right.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 1, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Clark
7 Cornelia Street
Apartment 4C
New York 14, N. Y.

Dear The Clarks:

We found with chagrin the other day that we hadn't written you since receiving your note and the copy of Jerry's article in Weekend. We are assuming that by now you are re-established in New York complete with new addition. On this assumption, our heartiest congratulations.

We read Jerry's article with great interest. I must confess that I thought at the time he had dealt a trifle harshly with the deep South. But in the light of more recent happenings, I have revised my opinion. I am afraid you gave us exactly the press we deserve. Needless to say, I appreciate the favorable references to me and to the Southern Regional Council.

I was in New York a few weeks ago while you two were presumably away. But I may be back again soon, in which case I will give you a call.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 1, 1955

Mrs. Irvin Dagen
c/o Dagen & Dorsey
114 S. Bemiston Avenue
Clayton 5 (St. Louis) Missouri

Dear Margaret:

I am the one who is remiss for not having written you since we talked in St. Louis. Things have been moving with extraordinary velocity around here.

We greatly appreciate your taking on an article dealing with Integration of Teachers in St. Louis. I think it will be particularly timely just now.

I am sure George Mitchell would be delighted to speak to the Council of Jewish Women, should that possibility develop, and there is no question that he would welcome a chance to glean some contributions! I am afraid we never will get his chalk talk on film, since he just doesn't trust these impersonal mechanisms.

Best regards from all of the staff here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 2, 1955

Prof. Simon Marcson
Associate Professor of Sociology
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Marcson:

This is in reference to the proposed Community Action Project on desegregation about which you and Mr. Kimball wrote me several weeks ago.

John Hope has recently joined our staff as a part-time Consultant on Program Development. It will be his function to relate the skills of appropriate Social Scientists to the field activity of the Southern Regional Council. I am referring your proposal to him.

I hope that through John's good offices we will have an opportunity to work together.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

cc: Mr. Solon Kimball
Mr. John Hope
Mr. Nicholas Demerath

December 2, 1955

Dr. Ira Lunan Ferguson, Ph. D.
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Ferguson:

Thank you for sending us the outline of your manuscript entitled "A Negro Dispels the Confusion Surrounding Desegregation".

The outline is very provocative, and we would be glad of an opportunity to read the manuscript. However, I can offer little hope of assistance in publication. Publishing a book -- even one of modest size -- is far beyond our means. All I can suggest is that you attempt to interest some of the established publishing houses which have demonstrated receptivity to materials of this kind. We should very much like to see a book of this sort in print.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

P. S. If you have not done so, you might consider submitting your manuscript to the Beacon Press, Boston, Mass. I am told that Miss Jeannette Hopkins there takes a special interest in material dealing with race relations.

December 2, 1955

Mr. Marion Wright
Top Knot
Linville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have read your letter of November 28 with interest.

I am a faithful reader of the New Yorker and will thoroughly digest the profile on the Ford Foundation, after which it will be kept on file here.

I have an aging commitment from Fred Routh to do a full dress review of the work and achievements of our Affiliated State Organizations. Your proposal that we excerpt material from several newsletters ties in nicely. We will watch for quotable material.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 2, 1955

Mrs. James S. Purcell
734 McDonald St.
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Mrs. Purcell:

We are glad to know of your manuscript on the life of Laurence Jones. Unfortunately we have no resources that would enable us to subdise this publication even on a loan basis. Simply beyond our scope.

I hope you will be able to find a commercial publisher who will take it on.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

P. S. If you have not done so, you might consider submitting your manuscript to the Beacon Press, Boston, Mass. I am told that Miss Jeannette Hopkins there takes a special interest in material dealing with race relations.

December 2, 1955

Mr. A. Lee Coleman
KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS, Inc.
4435 Blenheim Road
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Lee:

I am delighted that you have not abandoned the idea of an article on the advisory committees. We are still most eager to have it, and if you can push it through by the first of the year, we will be hugely grateful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 2, 1955

Mr. Davis McEntire
Research Department
COMMISSION ON RACE AND HOUSING
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. McEntire:

Enclosed is the transcript of Mrs. Fiske's notes on the Housing Meeting. We have made no effort to process them, feeling that you are the one who can best decide the final form which the record~~s~~ should take.

I am sorry I didn't get to see you again before you left. One of the things I had hoped to discuss with you was the financial aspect of the meeting. $200.00 is our best estimate of the cost to SRC. This includes the luncheon, clerical and communications, and general overhead. If this doesn't seem reasonable to you let me know.

I hope the meeting was as fruitful from your point of view as it was from ours. Let us know whenever we can be of assistance to the Commission on Race and Housing.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enc.

December 2, 1955

The Rev. Charles Hamilton
Aberdeen, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

I promised to return this to you; here it is with thanks.

I enjoyed our talk a few weeks ago and I am only sorry that Dr. Mitchell wasn't here to see you.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming.
Assistant Director.

December 2, 1955

Mr. Alexander F. Miller
ANTI DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Alex:

As a token of esteem and gratitude for all your help, I send you the enclosed copy of an article from the official publication of the White Citizens Council, published in Jackson, Mississippi. I have passed a copy on to Art.

I will be most interested to hear what transpires between Ben Epstein and his contacts at the Journal-American with respect to the attack on SRC. Meanwhile, consider this an invitation to come down here and tell me some of your troubles.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enc.

Mrs. E. G. Sterne,
121, Waverly Place,
New York 11,
NEW YORK.

December 2nd., 1955.

Dear Mrs. Sterne,

Fine. He must stop. I will see that he sees people.

Sincerely yours,

GSM:rl.

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

Mr. A. R. Suritz,
Barry's, Inc.,
101, East Main Street,
Rock Hill, S. C.

December 2nd., 1955.

Dear Mr. Suritz,

We did read it, and were delighted, and grateful.

Sincerely yours,

GSM:rl.

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

Dr. Paul F. Finner,
Florida Council on Human Relations,
324 So. Beach Street,
Daytona Beach,
FLORIDA.

December 2nd., 1955.

Dear Dr. Finner,

Thank you for notice about Mr. Armwood and Mr. Kidd. We have amended the official records accordingly.

I look for really big things from the Florida group.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Miss Irene Osborne,
c/o Mrs. Edward Morgan,
6317, Stratford Drive,
Parma Heights,
OHIO.

December 2nd., 1955.

Dear Irene,

Harold, when you called on Thursday, will have reached agreement on most matters. I am all for your staying there until you are top hole, but I readily agree to your coming here, or to Philadephia, any time you wish before or after Christmas.

Matter of your space at AU. Somebody in the next-door suite called Ruth Alexander and stands ready to pack you up and let you release the room, when, as, and if you want that done. And we could arrange, doubtless, giving the dorm. some proper notice. Or just let it be; AU says 'tis yours, and will so stay until you say otherwise. We'll help on whatever arrangement you wish.

Also, Mrs. Murphy wishes to know on how many days in November you had meals.

All miss you.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mr. Marion A. Wright,
Linville Falls,
NORTH CAROLINA.

December 2nd., 1955.

Dear Marion,

So glad you wrote Russell. Just right.

Travelstead was elected to our Board. While I have seen that he shortly goes out to NM, my inclination is to invite him on to the Board. It ought to be a compliment, and one he can afford to accept! It would involve only a few months of actual membership, but still proper.

Sincerely yours,

GSM:rl.

Mr. Harry S. Jones,
121, E. Third Street,
Room 209.
Charlotte,
N.C.

December 2nd., 1955.

Dear Harry,

HCF picked this up. I see the IRC did register, which would make it natural for the NCCHR to move on to the register. Not our business; yours in N. C., and do what seems right there.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

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Encl.

Mr. Bob Hughes,
Alabama Council on Human Relations,
Room 206, Moore Building,
Court Street,
Montgomery,
ALABAMA.

December 2nd, 1955.

Dear Bob,

So much is apopping I thought I'd better fly to Mobile, and I will. That does me no good on a stop-over in Montgomery, unless by chance (I booked by 'phone and don't know) the plane does stop at Montgomery enough minutes for it to be worth your while to come out and say "Hi!" I go to Mobile on December 5th on EAL's flight 571, and come back from Mobile on December 6th, leaving there at 11.46 A.M. on flight 598.

I will try to see Mr. Kaufman on the morning of December 6th.

Best wishes,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.).

GSM:rl.

Father Albert S. Foley, S.J.,
Spring Hill College,
Spring Hill Station,
Mobile,
ALABAMA.

December 2nd., 1955.

Dear Father Foley,

All straight about me for the 5th.

I wish I could drive, and be leisurely, but so much pops I had best fly, and get in more time in the office.

So here I come on EAL's flight 571, arriving Mobile at 4.32 p.m. Monday, December 5th. If you will hold me a bunk at the College I would be delighted, or if that doesn't suit, tell the Semmes to save one for me. I'll leave next morning on EAL's 598, from the airport at 11.46 a.m.

Irene's ill, as you will hear.

Coming.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
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Mr. William K. Williams,
Florida Council on Human Relations,
324 South Beach Street,
Daytona Beach,
FLORIDA.

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Mr. Nat. Griswold,
Arkansas Council on Human Relations,
211 Izard Street,
Little Rock,
ARKANSAS.

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Miss Edith E. Lowry,
National Council of the Churches of Christ,
Division of Home Missions,
257 Fourth Avenue,
New York 10,
NEW YORK.

December 5th, 1955.

Dear Miss Lowry,

I'll hold February 26-27-28 as long as I can, pending further word about the Conference of the Division of Home Missions, here in Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension
of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
1701, Arch Street,
Philadelphia 3,
PENNSYLVANIA.

December 5th, 1955.

Dear Sirs,

We are deeply grateful for the check for $250.00 from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Nothing sustains us as much as the steady and tangible faith of the Board, and of other religious bodies, in the justice and right of the Southern Regional Council's steady and reasonable aims.

I will be reporting to Mr. Brown in a few weeks on the year's work, and hope he and all of the Board will feel that valued help has been well employed.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

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Dr. Guy H. Wells,
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation,
63, Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta 3,
GEORGIA.

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303 Board of Trade Annex Building,
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Mississippi Council on Human Relations,
1104 Lynch Street,
Jackson,
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South Carolina Council on Human Relations,
1508, Lady Street,
Columbia, S. C.

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Tennessee Council on Human Relations,
Room 420, Jackson Building,
Cherry and Seventh Streets,
Chattanooga,
TENNESSEE.

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Kentucky Council on Human Relations,
4435 Blenheim Road,
Louisville 7,
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Texas Commission on Race Relations,
309 West 21st. Street,
Austin,
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Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo, Exec. Dir.
LOUISIANA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Received notice of your meeting on December 15. As things now stand, I will plan to come out for this meeting and will probably arrive Tuesday the 13th and spend sometime with you and other folks in the community talking about Louisiana Council and its program. I urge you now to make a special effort to invite Dr. Dent, Miss Sytz and other powerful figures from the old New Orleans Commission.

I am sorry that you have been in poor health and hope that by now you are fully recovered. Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

December 5, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman, Chairman
TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Woods:

We have not received any requisition for funds for the consultants in Tennessee this month. I hope that this does not mean that the program in Tennessee is not going forward. As Dr. Mitchell's letter to you outlining financial arrangements between the Tennessee Council and SRC pointed out the money is now available for the consultant program. Please advise me what is happening to the Tennessee Consultant Program.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

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Mr. Paul F. Finner, Chairman
Florida Council on Human Relations
930 West Park
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Finner:

We appreciate your cooperation in regards to the selection of Mr. Lee J. Price to SRC Finance Committee.

We are quite sure that Mr. Price will make an important contribution to the work of this committee. You and Mr. Price will be notified as soon as the membership of this committee is completed and ready to function.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Marion Wright
Fred Routh
Lee J. Price

December 6, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman, Chairman
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

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North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Pembroke College
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Box 208
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Mississippi Council on Human Relations
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

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Louisiana Council on Human Relations
1806 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Kentucky Council on Human Relations
2320 West Chestnut Street
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School of Theology
Emory University
Emory University, Ga.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

We have entered the subscription of New South to Rev. Morrelle Wells, First Methodist Church, Canton, Miss. letting the subscription begin with the October issue which will go forward to him today. We will be more then glad to give you as many copies of the mimeographed material as you may wish but as we have made it different for almost every workshop, I would like for you to see what we have before se send any to him.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

Father Albert S. Foley, S. J.,
Department of Social Sciences,
Spring Hill College,
Spring Hill Station,
Mobile,
ALABAMA.

December 7th, 1955.

Dear Father Foley,

Back safe and sound. Saw the man Kauffman, not especially hopefully! Liked your nice friend who drove me in.

Hopped a free ride to Atlanta from the airport, and so got by for the whole trip at a total expense of $49.63; thanks mainly to the gracious hospitality of the College. Your check was too large for an even half of the expense, and we honorably (and intending to!) send you back the 5.18 of extra. 'Twill help some next poor sinner.

Enjoyed the people greatly.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
Encl.

Mr. C. H. Parrish,
University of Louisville,
Louisville 8,
KENTUCKY.

December 7th, 1955.

Dear C. H.,

Thanks for good news of NAIRO.

I meant not to be as positive as I was in the judgment on the matter of the expense account. It was a hard decision, and hard cases make bad rules! Do what is wise, but that one I thought ought on balance to fall the other way. We all know that you spend all sorts of time and effort on our behalf, and are grateful for it.

Sincerely yours,

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December 7, 1955

Mrs. M. M. Drake
1032 Second Avenue, S.
Nashville 10, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Drake:

In checking my calendar for June 1956 I find I do have the week of June 18-24 open and am more then delighted to accept your gracious invitation [illegible] your School of Missions. This will be my first trip to Gulfside. Thanking you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

Mr. Maury Fagan,
260 South 15th Street,
Philadelphia,
PENNSYLVANIA.

December 8th, 1955.

Dear Maury,

On reflection I have no more named candidates to offer, but I have tried my hand at rolling periods of praise for the unnamed, who do the work. Thought my draft would be useful to put into the hopper - i.e., the committee that does the final draft.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
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We honor tonight men and women who under difficult circumstances have shown themselves true to religious and to American principles - those who in various places, mostly in Southern states, have put their influence behind recognition for all in our land of equal human dignity. The recent Court and administrative decisions which have given aim to the pressure of people for such recognition have at the same time caused the forces of "things as they are" to attempt a variety of unfamiliar counter-pessures. When the well-regarded and the klux-minded join hands to deny legal rights to members of a racial minority the resultant apparent set of local opinion is (as it is intended to be) awesome. And yet in scores and scores of communities where this pressure has appeared there have been ministers or rabbis, teachers and school-board members, laypeople in the churches, newspapermen, public officials, business men, trade union officials and just plain citizens who have spoken out for the law of the land, and for speedy realization of the moral heritage of Americans. Let these men and women be unnamed, as they would prefer; we here honor them the more.

Mrs. C. I. Jones,
6215 St. Charles Avenue,
New Orleans,
LOUISIANA.

December 8th, 1955.

Dear Mrs. Jones,

That's all straight, and I'll be there, as your letter says. I do not promise, much as I would enjoy it, to be at the luncheon at 12.15 on January 21st, but I do promise to be at St. Mark's at 1 P.M. that day, to do the map, and to be about for the afternoon and evening. My first duty for the morning of the 21st. is to our SRC Executive Committee, but as soon as I get away, and certainly in time for 1 P.M., I'll come over to your group.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

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December 8, 1955

Miss Marlene La Manna
40 West Summit Avenue
Midland Park, New Jersey

Dear Miss La Manna:

The occurrence of acts of racial and religious discrimination in many areas makes it somewhat difficult to cite those that are of special concern to you. Perhaps if you consulted the following references you might find information or sources of information that will be particularly useful.

The Main Types and Causes of Discrimination
United Nations Publication
International Documents Service
2960 Broadway
New York 27, New York

State Laws on Race and Color
Compiled by Pauli Murray

Civil Rights Today (a bibliography)
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

The Negro and Race Relations (a bibliography)
Department of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

A publications list is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

December 8, 1955

Mr. L. S. Ludlow, Jr.
Box #311
Mercer University
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mr. Ludlow:

I am sending you a copy of "Christian Conscience and the Supreme Court Decision on Segregated Schools" and "The Churches Speak" for which you may send us twenty cents in coin or stamps. The latter contains statements on segregation made by many of the national and regional church bodies. We expect to compile the more recent declarations of these and other religious organizations in the very near future. Therefore, if your interest in and need for this information continues throughout the school year, please inform us.

A copy of our publications list is enclosed.

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Dr. & Mrs. W. W. Alexander,
New Hope Farm,
Chapel Hill,
NORTH CAROLINA.

December 8th, 1955.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Alexander,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter sent to Mr. R.B. Eleazer last week, and his reply thereto.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

GSM:rl.
Encls.

STAFF
from GSM.

December 8th, 1955.

This morning Marion Wright called from some remote point, (maybe his home?) and said that yesterday in train-riding through Virginia he picked up a Virginia paper which quoted the Virginia Council on Human Rights (sic) as saying it would conduct a mail campaign to educate the people of the State against the proposed amendments to the constitution. MAW suggested that after conference with Leonard Haas I advise with the Virginia Council. I talked with Jack Marion. The newspaper account was inaccurate, he said, in quoting him or the Council as proposing a specific campaign. But, he said, they had had a meeting of their Executive Committee December 7th, and there had been then, as there continued to be, strong pressure for the Virginia Council on Human Relations to take the lead in organising people in Virginia against the amendments.

I gave it as my view that the voting on the amendments by the people would be a direct legislative act and that any position one way or another would trespass upon violation of the obligation to refrain from political and propogandist moves. I further stated that the ordinary escape from this situation was for the individuals who compose a body to act in their private capacities, as citizens, in ways which would effectively counter the propositions they disliked. Marion said this seemed a distinction without a difference, but I hope I persuaded him that there was real difference between an organization taking a course of action and a number of individuals so doing.

Mitchell firmly advised Marion to avail himself at once of the advice of some lawyer; indeed of two lawyers, one inclined to be lenient in such matters, and one who might be expected to be skeptical. Marion promised to get strong legal advice, and to proceed accordingly, and only so.

Mitchell then in telephone communication with Mr. Haas reviewed the matter. Mr. Haas thought that advocacy of voting for or against a particular constitutional amendment pretty clearly came under the political ban.

Ccs.
MAW
John Marion.
FR.
Leonard Haas.
HCF.
GSA.
DT.

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland,
Texas Commission on Race Relations,
309 West 21st. Street,
Austin, TEXAS.

December 8th, 1955.

Dear Tom,

I have just heard that an especially good and helpful guy is in your State.

We have known agreeably for years a man named Ed. Weyler, for years head of the State Federation of Labor in Kentucky, and long an International officer of the Carpenters. About three years ago the Carpenters detached him from other duties, and gave him a job (only unofficially so described) of working with various Southern locals of the Carpenters to bring them around to better practices on matters of race and employment and union behavior. Weyler has been notably successful in this at several points.

He is now in Houston, as Administrators for the Carpenters' union. Lives at the Sam Houston Hotel.

Quite worth your while to go to see him, and get his friendly help. He could do a lot of good, and I am sure he wants to.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mr. Paul Williams,
3320 Gloucester Road,
Richmond,
VIRGINIA.

December 8th, 1955.

Dear Paul,

Marion told me you had very kindly agreed to be the Virginia man on the Finance Committee of the SRC. We are all gratitude for this extra measure of devotion. Here is a first pronouncement of possible policy, and we'll be writing you later for arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

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Mr. George K. Hunton,
Interracial Review,
20, Vesey Street,
New York 7,
NEW YORK.

December 8th, 1955.

Dear George,

Here's a scribble; 'tisn't more. But it is well-intended. Scratch, straighten, to suit you. Or send back with comment and suggestions, and I'll do again, better.

Sincerely yours,

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President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Dr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

This is belatedly to express my appreciation of your speech for the Hungry Club. All of us here read it with gratification, and as Dr. Mitchell may have told you we are planning to use a substantial part of it in an early issue of New South.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

Mr. M. Lafayette Harris,
Philander-Smith College,
Little Rock,
ARKANSAS.

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Director: Mobile Community
Chest and Council,
Mobile, ALABAMA.

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4141 Club Drive N.E.,
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Mr. Davis McEntire
COMMISSION ON RACE AND HOUSING
Research Office
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. McEntire:

Enclosed is an expense voucher sent in by Elizabeth Virrick. I thought it simplest to forward it to you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C.Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 9, 1955

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Okla.

Dear Mr. Duncan:

We have the feeling that there must be a lot in Oklahoma's experience~~s~~ with integration from which the less advanced states could benefit.

Could you consider undertaking an article for New South which would extract the most meaningful lessons. It wouldn't have to be long -- somewhere between one thousand and two thousand words -- and I am sure it would do a lot of good.

It was good to see you again at Tuskegee. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
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Mrs. William Heuser,
3318 Trinity Road,
Louisville,
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(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director)*

GSM:rl.
Encls.

December 9, 1955

Mr. George McMillian
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

It was good to see you again, and we appreciated your helpful suggestions about countering the smears.

We have ordered a copy of Brady's book Black Monday, which I will send to you.

Let me know when you get to the writing stage and brief me on your angle, and I will try to put down something that will help.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 9, 1955

Miss Ruth M. Davis,
Public Relations Department
THE REPORTER
136 East 57th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Davis:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter to Dr. Mitchell calling attention to the articles in the December 15 issue of The Reporter. They are both well done, and we should like to bring them to the attention of our board and to the members of our affiliated state organizations.

Is there a possibility of obtaining reprints and if so on what basis? This we would prefer, since this issue would no longer be current by the time the promotion piece was prepared and mailed out.

Please let me hear from you. In the meanwhile congratulations on The Reporter's usual fine job on this subject.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Mr. Frank Price,
Route 1,
Lexington,
VIRGINIA.

December 9th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Price,

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at their meeting last month did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board, subject to your acceptance. This letter is to invite you to serve.

Terms are for four years, and members whose terms expire may be reelected for one further term.

The Council consists only of the Board; which in turn has some fifty members chosen from the South at large, plus the Chairman and one elected person from each of the twelve State organizations affiliated with SRC (Virginia Council on Human Relations, Alabama Council on Human Relations, etc.) The Board meets once a year, and it is customary to cover the expenses of members for the meetings. The Board is the policy-making body and thus conducts in the South a broad educational program on the concerns of the Council. The Board is served by an Executive Committee of 13 members who meet quarterly and closely supervise the staff.

In all fairness I let you know that we have been jumped on, probably libellously, by those who are running a warfare against the Fund for the Republic, which has given us a substantial grant. The Hearst Journal-American, in New York, on November 7th, 1955, published a scandalous article claiming that 21 of our Board members were "pro reds", categorizing thus a string of outstanding Southern leaders: four or five College and University Presidents, an Episcopal Bishop, a couple of newspaper publishers, various ministers, and so on. I send you a paid advertisement in which the Virginia form of the white citizens' councils republished this attack. Also Fulton Lewis, Jr., doubtless by careful concert, made much in his broadcasts in mid-November of the Journal-American charges. The editor of the Chattanooga Times put his finger neatly on the truth in a column which is enclosed.

Mr. Frank Price,
Route 1,
Lexington.

December 9th, 1955.

I send a list of the whole Board as it stood just before the recent elections, so that you can see the type of men and women you would be with. Some ten new persons, not heretofore on the Board, were elected and are being invited along with you. They are comparable in stature and interest to the membership as of late October, 1955.

We do hope you will consent to serve. We will be glad to send you anything further about SRC that you may wish. Write us your decision.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
Encls.

December 9, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Frank:

I have the feeling that I am flooding you with mailings, so I will deal with several loose ends in this one letter.

1) I was glad to hear that you now have copies of "For Fair Play". I think six copies of the film would be about right for most effective use by us. We would distribute five of them to the state groups which are best organized and equipped to do an aggressive job of getting the films used in their states: the sixth copy we would make available from here to the remaining state groups or other interested organizations. If six is too many, of course, we can make do with fewer.

2) What was the final decision on the resistance groups manuscript? I wrote Ben Segal that you would send him a copy, and we will soon need a copy for internal use around here. I am glad that you thought well enought of it to recommend its distribution to the Fund's personnel; I should think that so long as it is clearly marked not for publication, Ira Reed and The Annals would have no objection. If that doesn't go through, don't hesitate to send it back here for copying.

3) Thanks for your letter of December 6 enclosing the Hearst clippings. I have sent Lyford 30 copies of the Times Dispatch reprint.

4) We are looking forward to your January visit. I hope there will be an opportunity for a get-together in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

JOHN HOPE.

Called December 9th.

Proposes now to write to the key ones of those who were at the A.U. Conference, and say that we are moving again, and they or some of them should look to be called on for occasional jobs.

Asks Fred and CH to speed to John Hope the memos they undertook at NAIRO meeting.

Learned with interest of possibility of use of our John Hope machinery by the various religious denominations.

Received my authorization to use Robert Johnson as a consultant for some preliminary work toward standards of evaluation * "a few days", GSM said.

c.cs.
John Hope.
Fred Routh.
C.H. Parrish.
GSM.
RA.
GSA.

Mr. Willis T. Spivey,
Community Service Foundation,
125 Harbor Bluff Drive,
Largo,
FLORIDA.

December 9th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Spivey,

I praise you for a sure touch in what is right! Just right to hook on to Williams and the Florida Council on Human Relations. So much that your group in Pinellas can do.

Emily Clay, in Clearwater, used to be the Secretary of the old Interracial Commission and in the early days of SRC, and so she has had knowledge of the various (too feeble) earlier efforts to get people together.

I would rejoice to have real news of what you do and of how things go.

We are embattled, but still hopeful!

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
c.c. Bill Williams.

December 9, 1955

Miss Helen Bullard
Charles Rosson and Associates
Whitehead Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Helen:

Thanks for your several recent mailings. I have passed on the dope about the clipping service to the Georgia Committee, with the recommendation that they subscribe if it is at all possible financially. I hope the Tennessee Council will take advantage of it too.

Believe it or not, the extra copies of the Augusta Courier are extremely helpful to us. If it isn't too much trouble, please keep them coming.

I was glad to see the story about Hartsfield's survey of recreation in the south. In the end that will do some good.

Warm regards as always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Dr. Charles S. Johnson,
John Hay Whitney Foundation,
630 Fifth Avenue,
New York 20,
NEW YORK.

December 9th, 1955.

Dear Dr. Johnson,

We will be deeply grateful for the grant of a thousand dollars for Mrs. Tilly's work. I'll need to get some more from Goodness knows where, but the thousand is the long leg, and we will push on to do the rest of the job that she can do. In any case, what she has done these years back is very largely owing to the help her work has had from Mr. and Mrs. Whitney and from the John Hay Whitney Foundation; and we think their and her contribution has been sizeable!

Appreciatively yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mr. H. Wofford,
Covington & Burling,
Union Trust Building,
Washington, 5, D. C.

December 9th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Wofford,

Enjoyed the speech, and mainly agreed with it.

I do get to Washington, though I haven't lately, and when I come I'll call you up, and we can talk.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

December 9, 1955

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
1820 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Adam:

Thanks for your welcome note about the October New South.

This gives me an occasion to say how glad I was to hear of your ongoing connection with the Fund for the Republic. They did themselves and everybody else a good turn.

I hope your work will bring you to Atlanta again and that we can snag you for an evening of conversation.

Our best to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Mr. H. B. Sissel,
Board of Christian Educationof the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A,
830 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia 7, PENN.

December 9th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Sissel,

This confirms my telephone call about the possibility of getting hold of consultants in social science, for work with local groups on matters of school desegregation.

We have engaged John Hope, who works mainly for the AMA in the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University in Nashville, to serve SRC part-time as a Chief Consultant. He will manage a program that will make available to local groups (for our own purposes mainly SRC-called groups of citizens or of interested school officials or of SRC staff and State Board people), social science people from various Colleges and Universities, on a one or two day basis. If your group, working with some local unit, should wish to make a direct arrangement with John Hope I am sure he would welcome it. I think the arrangement would be that suitable social science people could be used at a cost of thirty-five dollars per working day, plus the travel expenses involved. He will have both white and Negro persons available; our recommendation would be favorable to the use of Negro persons in many instances.

If we can be helpful on it we would want to, but what Mr. Hope is setting up is available to you without our intermediacy.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
c.c.s.
C.H.Parrish. John Hope.
Fred Routh.

December 9, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Marion:

The Executive Committee will be meeting at Dillard in New Orleans January 20th and 21st. What do you wish done about staff representation at the meeting?

I have been going on the assumption that the Committee wanted only me present from the staff. My preference would be for some others to be there also. But my main wish is to do what the Committee wants done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

December 9, 1955

Mr. Lee Nichols
United Press Associations
National Press Building
Washington 4, D.C.

Dear Lee:

This is delayed thanks and congratulations for your series on school integration at Southern military bases.

The Atlanta Bureau gave me Johnson's name and suggested that I write him and ask him for permission, which I have done as enclosed. I will send you what we finally do in "New South."

I do not know how widely your pieces were carried by Southern dailies. Do you? I did note that a good many of the Negro weeklies ran one or more of them.

Have you given more thought to another book? When,if, and as you do, let me know so that I can add encouragement.

Regards,

Harold Fleming
Assistant Director

HF:mef

December 9, 1955

Mr. Earle J. Johnson
United Press Associations
220 East 42nd St.,
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We read with interest and appreciation the series of articles by Lee Nichols, describing school integration on Southern military bases. As an organization of Southerners concerned with race relations in the region, we thought these objective and well researched articles were a positive contribution of which the United Press and Mr. Nichols may well be proud.

The purpose of this letter is to request permission to reproduce portions of the series in our monthly publication "New South."

We will appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Harold Fleming
Assistant Director

HF:mef

Mr. A. Dudley Ward,
The Methodist Church,
Board of Social and Economic Relations,
740 Rush Street,
Chicago 11, ILLINOIS.

December 12th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Ward,

I intend to telephone you further on Monday about the possibility of getting hold of consultants in social science, for work with local groups on matters of school desegregation.

We have engaged John Hope, who works mainly for theAMA in the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University in Nashville, to serve SRC part-time as a Chief Consultant. He will manage a program that will make available to local groups (for our own purposes mainly SRC-called groups of citizens or of interested school officials or of SRC staff and State Board people), social science people from various Colleges and Universities, on a one or two day basis. If your group, working with some local unit, should wish to make a direct arrangement with John Hope I am sure he would welcome it. I think the arrangement would be that suitable social science people could be used at a cost of thirty-five dollars per working day, plus the travel expenses involved. He will have both white and Negro persons available; our recommendation would be favorable to the use of Negro persons in many instances.

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Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
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John Hope.
Fred Routh.

Mr. A. C. Miller,
Christian Life Commission,
Baptist Building,
Nashville, TENN.

December 12th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Miller,

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Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

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Fred Routh.

Rev.Malcolm P. Calhoun,
Board of Church Extension,
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.,
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E.,
Atlanta, 5.

December 12th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Calhoun,

This confirms my telephone call about the possibility of getting hold of consultants in social science, for work with local groups on matters of school desegregation.

We have engaged John Hope, who works mainly for the AMA in the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University in Nashville, to serve SRC part-time as a Chief Consultant. He will manage a program that will make available to local groups (for our own purposes mainly SRC-called groups of citisens or of interested school officials or of SRC staff and State Board people), social science people from various Colleges and Universities, on a one or two day basis. If your group, working with some local unit, should wish to make a direct arrangement with John Hope I am sure he would welcome it. I think the arrangement would be that suitable social science people could be used at a cost of thirty-five dollars per working day, plus the travel expenses involved. He will have both white and Negro persons available; our recommendation would be favorable to the use of Negro persons in many instances.

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Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

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John Hope.
Fred Routh.

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo,
Louisiana Council on Human Relations,
303 Board of Trade Annex Building,
New Orleans 12, LOUISIANA.

December 12th, 1955.

Dear Milton,

A mutual friend came in a day or two ago to talk about some prospects of support for our purposes in the new combined labor movement, in its Louisiana portion. Lige Williams will be the head man, and Robert Starnes the assistant. Starnes I knew well in CIO days; a Mississippian, who has run his own business at one time, and whom I regard as a straight, sound fellow in every way. Lige Williams, I am told, is further along toward conversion on Negro matters than he is generally given credit for, and would be helpful.

I suggest that you spend some time with both. I have the friendship of both, and I am sure they will wish to do helpful things with the Louisiana Council. And, for one thing, they could give you a good deal of strength in outlying parts of the State.

I leave the matter to your judgment, but suggest you explore cooperation pretty well.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

GSM:rl.

Mr. Frank S. Loescher,
414 South 46th Street,
Philadelphia 43,
PENNSYLVANIA.

December 13th, 1955.

Dear Frank,

A valuable meeting occurs at Macon, Georgia, January 16th. It had been scheduled for to-day and has been put off till then. Well-attended meeting of Ga. Interracial Committee, usually held in Christ Church (Epip). Worth thinking of when you finally plan your tour.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mr. Frank S. Loescher,
Fund for the Republic,
60 East 42nd. Street,
New York 17.

December 13th, 1955.

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Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mr. Frank S. Loescher,
414, South 46th Street,
Philadelphia, 43,
PENNSYLVANIA.

December 13th, 1955.

Dear Frank,

Pelion upon Ossa, though I make no attempt to say which is Pelion.

With warm appreciation,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

GSM:rl.
Encl.

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$ 25.00

Mr. Frank S. Loescher,
414 South 46th Street,
Philadelphia 43,
PENNSYLVANIA.

December 13th, 1955.

Dear Frank,

I have read every word of Elaine McNeil's book.

Comment 1, to get it out of the way. Never saw I so careful a job of typing. Time after time I felt certain I had caught a typo; nary a one is there.

Corrections. p. 112. She should say "some unions".
p. 149. The CIO's gone - nowadays.

A painstaking, accurately judged review of all the useful literature on this subject. She puts in little that is original (though occasionally her own persuasion peeps through), but she gives you the feeling that she is being judicious. And she writes as a Southern person, aware of all the points of extra sensitiveness, but not flinching from treating them, though charily.

I should think that a competent condenser could reduce the length by a third, and help the book. But it is publishable, and readable, as it stands. If condensing were determined upon, I would be inclined to cut out the whole business of the four case histories. They date, they have a musty, thesisy, whiff, and I can't see that they teach very hard. With dropping that would go dropping the appendix. Maybe four examples should survive, but one of them should be something hot off the griddle; say Hoxie, Arkansas.

The main thing is that here for almost the first time a person with Southern roots has read all the current literature, and has put down what it means. So the book is a suitable base for a rewriting of Southern opinion. We are going to have to cope with such matters as the psychology

Mr. Frank S. Loescher,
414 South 46th Street,
Philadelphia.

December 13th, 1955.

of prejudice, and to-day we haven't any idea of what it is, much less of how to cope with it. And here comes up the whole business of teaching kids to be less prejudiced; she takes that up, and starts people filling that vacuum.

I say print it, as is or boiled down a bit. Every copy that is read by a school person or a thoughtful preacher will do fifty dollars worth of good. Ten or one is a good pay-off. Try a paper-backed edition.

We would get out two or three thousand, ourselves, and to people who would read it.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

December 13, 1955

Miss Louise K. Aycock
Rock Hill Public Schools
McConnells, South Carolina

Dear Miss Aycock:

Perhaps you can determine from the enclosed publications list if any of our publications will meet your needs. I am also sending you a bibliography prepared in our office which cites references on educational matters. You will find that the September 1955 issue of Survey of Current Business contains comprehensive and recent statistics on per capita wealth and economic standing of the Southern states.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

December 13, 1955

Reverend Roland Smith
First Baptist Church
613 West 7th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Reverend Smith:

Your letter to Dr. Ivey of the Southern Regional Education Board was referred to us. There is enclosed a list of the communities reportedly having interracial committees to advise local Boards of Education on integration within the schools. Newspaper reports have indicated that members of the committees were selected by the Board of Education in the majority of cases.

I am sending you several reports on school integration in various areas. A fairly comprehensive roundup of desegregation in public schools can be found in the October issue of Southern School News, which is included. I believe that you would also find subsequent issues of this publication informative.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

December 13, 1955

Mr. George W. Baskin
Sales Department
Methodist Publishing House
1910 Main Street
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Baskin:

I am enclosing a list which itemizes selected publications of ours in the area of race relations. In addition I am sending you a statement of our objectives, the contents of Changing Patterns in the New South, and a recent issue of our monthly bulletin, New South. The latter provides current information on many aspects of race relations. It is sent regularly to members of the Council's state affiliates or may be obtained by non-member subscribers for $2.00 per year.

You would probably be interested in knowing that the Council's affiliate in Texas is the Texas Commission on Race Relations, 309 W. 21st Street, Austin, Texas.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

December 13, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206, Moore Building
217 South Court Street
Montgomery 4, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I have your letter of December 9, 1955, in feference to accounting for petty cash disbursements in your office.

On the basis of experience I have found it easiest to handle petty cash in the following manner:

1. Establish a petty cash fund account on your books by drawing up a check made payable to Petty Cash. This check should be given to the person who is to be responsible for disbursing petty cash funds and the person should be required to sign a receipt for these funds. On your financial statements under the general heading of "Cash" you would show "Cash in Bank" and also "Petty Cash" in the amount of the above check.

2. Require the person who disburses the petty cash funds to get receipts, invoices, etc. for all expenditures. Then periodically, in order to reimburse your petty cash fund a check would be drawn up for the total of all disbursements as evidenced by receipts, invoices, etc. This would give you a breakdown of the expense items. Each time the petty cash fund is reimbursed you get a detailed accounting as to how the petty cash funds were spent. At any time the petty cash fund could be checked by counting the cash and the receipts, invoices, etc. The two together should equal the original amount of the petty cash fund at all times.

As you can see from this arrangement the initial check drawn to petty cash would only represent a transfer of cash to another category and would not be construed as an expense item. All subsequent checks drawn to petty cash would show a detailed anaylis as to how the money was spent.

We hope that this information will shed some light on your problem. If we can be of further service please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

December 13, 1955

Mr. W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

As is customary, we are sending a draft of the minutes of the Board meeting on November 9, 1955, to some of the members who were present at the meeting.

We would appreciate your reading and checking this draft to see whether or not in your judgement it adequately covers the various actions taken at the meeting. There may be some items that have been omitted and need to be included. Please return the draft to us with any corrections or notations you may care to make. We are enclosing a self addressed envelope for your convience.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
Encls.

December 13, 1955

Mrs. C. M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

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With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
Encls.

December 13, 1955

Mr. John A. Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Griffin:

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With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
Encls.

December 13, 1955

Mrs. Delores M. Sloan
325 East 77 Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Sloan:

We appreciate the opportunity to have the work of the Southern Regional Council treated in the article you are preparing for The Nation. I will try to give you the broad outlines in this letter, with a few enclosures that may furnish some useful details. You may quote at will from the letter and the enclosures.

The SRC was formed under that name in 1944, but as the successor to the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation it goes back to 1919. The Commission was organized then in response to the tensions and violence that afflicted Southern race relations in the post-World War One period. Working through local interracial committees, made up largely of church people, the Commission and its affiliate, the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching, mobilized thousands of conscientious Southerners in opposition to violence and discrimination.

During the second World War, liberal Southerners of both races began to feel the need for a fresh approach to the region's human relations. Much of the stimulus came from the regional studies of the late Dr. Howard W. Odum and his associates at the University of North Carolina. A great many well known Southerners played a part in the planning and organization which led to the launching of the Southern Regional Council. For the sake of brevity I name only the incorporators: Dr. Odum (who became the first president); Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution; Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president of Atlanta University (and currently the first Negro member of the Atlanta school board); Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University; and Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Georgia head of The Methodist Church.

Over the years, the SRC's board has included many outstanding individuals of both races -- Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic religious leaders, a smaller but equally valuable number of businessmen, labor leaders, educators, newspapermen and so on. The current president is Mr. Marion A. Wright, lawyer, native of South Carolina, now living in Linville Falls, N. C. The Executive Director is Dr. George S. Mitchell, economist, Assistant Administrator of the Farm Security Administration under Roosevelt, a Virginian, and a Rhodes Scholar.

In April 1954 -- about six weeks before the Supreme Court's initial school segregation decision -- SRC received from the Fund for the Republic a grant of $240,000, recently supplemented by an additional grant of $150,000. Main purpose of the grants was to enable SRC to strengthen and staff up state human relations groups in 12 Southern states -- Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. Today, these affiliates of SRC are operating effectively with integrated professional staffs and lay boards. Following is some brief background on state activities:

The Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation dates back to 1919. Under the current program, the executive director is Dr. Guy H. Wells (white), president emeritus of Georgia State College for Women, recently Point Four representative in Libya. Associate Director is Dr. Mozell C. Hill (Negro), chairman of the department of sociology at Atlanta University.

Not long ago, Georgia Attorney General Eugene Cook, in the course of an attack on the NAACP, lashed out at the SRC and the Georgia Committee as "fronts" for the NAACP being manipulated by sinister, subversive forces. Cook revealed his object when he warned the "prominent clergymen and civic leaders" in the movement to get out before he "exposed" it; his thesis was that all these unassailable Georgians were being "duped."

Far from being scared off, a group of these prominent members of the Georgia Committee called on Governor Marvin Griffin the very next week. An account of the conference is enclosed. The Georgia Committee is continuing to provide a meeting ground, at both the statewide and local levels, where the two races can plan together as equals.

The Executive Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations is the Rev. Robert Hughes, a young white Methodist minister. Some months ago, a mob of angry white men forced several Negro ministers to leave a conference at a small Congregational college in Wadley, Ala. The next day, Hughes met with the president of the College, the Mayor, and other local leaders. The result was appointment by the City Council of a Wadley Human Relations Council, drawn from citizens of both races, "to promote harmony and peaceful settlement of all future problems arising in our community." Officers of the Alabama Council recently played a similar mediating role in the bus boycott by Negroes in Montgomery, by bringing the principals together for the first time to discuss the grievances involved. (The dispute is not yet settled, but at least there has been a full exchange of points of view.)

In Kentucky and Tennessee, the state Councils on Human Relations have made professional consultants available to local school authorities planning or initiating desegregation. Most of the state groups have staged workshops, panel discussions, radio and television broadcasts on compliance with the Supreme Court decisions. Some of the state groups have investigated obscure cases of violence or economic pressure and made the facts available to the press or law enforcement agencies, or both. The situation varies markedly from state to state and area to area within the region; to attempt to summarise the activities of the various state groups in any detail would be a monumental job. A few more specific instances may be found in the enclosures.

I hope these notes will be of use to you. If there are specific questions that occur to you, I will be glad to answer them promptly.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

MEMORANDUM

December 14, 1955

FROM: HCF

TO: GSM

Re: Future of SRC

I think it would be useful for the Executive Committee to consider the main alternatives confronting the SRC after the expiration of the Fund for the Republic's grant. One formulation might be:

(1) Liquidation

(2) Limited continuation, dropping all functions except that of direct field servicing of state organisations.

(3) Limited continuation, dropping all functions except that of information -- i.e., publications, information center for press, other agencies, and state affiliates.

(4) Continuation at present level of operation, retaining all functions.

(5) Continuation with expanded functions.

Need

It seems to me unquestionable that the SRC on something like its present scale will be needed for a minimum of three years beyond the anticipated end of Fund help. We will be lucky if by October 1957 most of the state groups are able to continue effectively on their own. It would be over-optimistic to hope that they would be strong enough collectively to maintain a regional office. It would also be over-optimistic, in my opinion to hope that they could continue effectively without a regional office. Those in the lower South particularly will still need not only the practical help of the regional office, but also the psychological support of feeling themselves a part of a Southwide movement. Left on their own, communication between the states would soon break down and the weaker and more embattled organizations would wither away. The stronger groups -- mostly those in the more advanced states -- might well survive; but the most difficult areas would be left unserviced.

Another point: There is plenty of evidence that the other side is consolidating its strength across state lines. Witness the interstate spread of the White Citizens Councils, the efficient communication between the various Southern hate groups, Senator Eastland's proposal for a regional commission to "tell the South's story." These people see well enough the strength that comes of regionwide coordination and they will be pushing hard for it in the next few years. This kind of solidarity among the pro-segregation forces can't be effectively countered on a state-by-state basis. It calls for a regional instrument -- namely, SRC.

Noteworthy, too, that one aim of Eastland's proposal is to propagandize the Jim Crow version of the "South's story" at the national level. Again, only a regional group can offset this kind of propaganda aimed at a national audience.

Realities

It's easy to promote the continuing need for SRC in vacuo. Clearly, however, there are practical obstacles -- notably financial. In addition to the current fund-raising effort, the executive committee might begin planning some activities for the last grant year that would spread awareness of the need for a continuing SRC. Examples:

(1) One or more conferences of leading people in the state organizations tc explore the question of whether and how SRC is to continue.

(2) A carefully staged meeting of New York philanthropoids (The New Yorker's word for foundation people.)

(3) Consultation with friendly agencies, church groups, labor people, etc., aimed at involving them in the problem.

Nothing new about these ideas, but given the critical stage of Southern transition and an impending demise of SRC, they might produce some results. A lot of these people, who now take SRC for granted as a Fund project, might be startled into some kind of fruitful concern. While we wouldn't want to make such approaches too early, planning should proceed during the next year.

Conclusion

At the moment, it is my conviction that SRC should either be continued on at least its present scale or be frankly liquidated. I don't think we can go back. To limp along on a much-curtailed basis would, I think, be self-defeating in terms of both morale and financial support. Moreover, I believe efforts to continue the SRC should be based on the overt recognition that it will probably have to be largely subsidized for the duration of its life by sizable grants from outside the South. We can realistically hope for indigenously supported state groups within the next three to five years. But I doubt that it is realistic to hope for an indigenously supported regional organization too.

cc: Mr. Paul Christopher
RA

December 14th 1955

Mr. John Riffe
Vice President and Director of Organizations
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

A year or two before Allan Haywood died, Paul Christopher got Allan to write out to state and local Industrial Union Councils in the Southern states and ask them to make a contribution to the Southern Regional Council. Quite a good numeber of them did, and the sum realized was a big help in lean times. Would you be willing to do that?

We are going to be hard pushed to raise the $55,000 that we have to put together to fetch in our backlog grant from the Fund for the Republic. And I simply must find some new friends who will help. In these times of strain some of the people whom we though were our supporters have been shaved off. Surprising how hard it is to carry along what is reasonable and lawful and manageable in a time of mounting tempers.

I send an audit for our fiscal year that closed September 30th. I put in, also, three or four recent publications. We are not mainly pamphlet pushers at all, but we do put out some, and they give the tenor of our thinking and action.

Donations to the Southern Regional Council, by the way, are entirely tax-exempt. You would know that the CIO has given us money for years, and Steel and Rubber help out with $1,000 a year, and so do one or two A. F. of L. unions. I think I can find in the files the earlier letter that Allan Haywood sent out. I put in a copy (if findable).

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Copy of Allan Haywood's ltr dtd 11/21/51

Mr. John Broome,
President, Local Union #309,
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO,
P.O. Box 268,
Maryville,
TENNESSEE.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Broome,

Paul Christopher passed on to me your kind invitation on behalf of Local #309 to come up on a forthcoming Saturday and talk about current problems in the South.

I am honored by the invitation. For a date how would January 28th do? I would drive up, and get there well before the 7.00 P.M. hour of the meeting. If there were an opportunity to have dinner before the meeting with you and some of the others that, or a late afternoon visit at the union office, would brief me on local matters.

Paul said the local would find the (modest) cost of the trip (I ride for 4c. a mile!); and that the local would also provide something for the speechmaking (which amount I turn in to the Southern Regional Council).

Please let me know about the date. I could as well be with you February 11th, but the 28th is best.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

c.c. (blind)
Paul Christopher.

Mrs. C. M. Birnie,
864 Hunter Street, N.W.,
Atlanta,
GEORGIA.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear Cassandra,

We hate like the dickens to lose you. Let me come to pay you a visit; not to beg you to change your mind, but to rejoice in friendship.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mr. Maurice B. Fagan,
Fellowship Commission Building,
260 South 15th Street,
Philadelphia 2,
PENNSYLVANIA.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear Maury,

If you are in need of another guy to single out I recommend Dean Chester C. Travelstead, of the University of South Carolina. This guy made a speech last August, in which he said segregation in his view wasn't defensible. The University has released him. He picked up a good job beginning in February, 1956, with the University of New Mexico. But he did bravely and rightly, and didn't make any special fuss; just spoke the truth, and took the consequences.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mr. Harris Powers,
1011 Hendrix Avenue,
Jacksonville, 7,
FLORIDA.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Powers,

A day or two ago there came to my desk the paper-bound book here reviewed. The Beacon Press had sent with it a notice that it would be published on December 21st, 1955, and that the price would be $1.95.

I rummaged about in what remains of my K.A. sentiment and did a trial review, on the off-speculation that the Journal would carry it. I doubt whether reviewing books is our line anyway; but this one concerns K.A.'s rather closely, and I thought you would need to notice it in some way. Quite probably I rate as a one noticeably favorable to the purposes of the book, but I come by my views out of legitimate study and experience. For local check-ups on me I refer you to Crawford Solomon or Davisson Dunlap.

A possible notelet on the reviewer would run:

The reviewer is George S. Mitchell, Beta-Epsilon and Eta, for some years executive director of the Southern Regional Council. SRC is an old-established race-relations agency, independent, with headquarters in Atlanta, and with affiliated Councils on Human Relations, or some similar title, in each of twelve Southern States.

Sincerely Yours,

GSM:rl.
Encl.

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

cc: Mr. Paul Christopher
RA

December 14th 1955.

Mr. Daniel A. Powell
CIO-PAC Representative
1041 Colonial Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Dan:

Paul and I sat down on the front porch at Junaluska about a month ago and talked about ways to fit together some small additional sums for the Southern Regional Council. One thing Paul said was that in your travel all over this part of the world, you could, if you wanted to, get quite a number of people to be members of the Southern Regional Council at $10.00 or $25.00 a year.

Now I have got a problem about members. I haven't really got any members. I only have the approximately eighty people who are on the Board of Directors. And each of our twelve state organisations is doing its proper darndest to build up membership for itself. And I help them do that. Still, this central office has to live too. Do you think you could find us from time to time some contributors who would fetch in $10.00 or $15.00 or $25.00 a year? If they would want to give half their contribution each year to the state organisation and half to us, well and good. And we would so arrange it. In any case, the contributor would receive New South and he ought to sleep well at night.

What do you say?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mr. Sam Scott
Stone Workers Union
P. O. Box 719
Winston Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Scott:

The Southern Regional Council asks the Stone Workers' Union for some money help.

The Council runs back to the early efforts at better racial understanding in the South, when in 1919 the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation was set up. That was merged in 1944 with the Southern Regional Council. We have carried along soberly, responsibly, never noisily; getting out to people all over the South the facts on health and housing and employment and farm ownership and educational opportunity. In the last couple of years, we have taken on seriously the task of bringing Southern opinion around to conformity with the U. S. Supreme Court decision on desegregation in the schools.

We have had a good deal of church help. The major church denominations have helped us greatly each year, and have given us about $5,000 a year. Steel has given us $1,000 a year for a good many years, and so has the Auto Workers and so has the CIO itself. The ILGWU has helped us for a good long while. And more recently the A. F. of L. has given us $1,000 a year. We have got additional help from small foundations, and in 1954 and again in 1955 a quite generous backlog grant from the Fund for the Republic. The people who give backlogs always insist that good chunks of kindling wood be got together otherwise. On that arrangement the Southern Regional Council has to fetch together a minimum of $55,000, and (bless us!) just to carry the job we are doing will make us have to raise more than that. That is a lot more than we have ever been able to put together before, and we will need some extra help.

The backlog money goes into setting up and bringing along twelve state-wide private organizations in each of twelve Southern states. They concern themselves with economic and interracial conditions. Most of them are called Human Relations Councils; for instance, the Alabama

Council on Human Relations, etc. They have paid staff, white and Negro, and slivers of money for printing and telephoning and travelling about and for getting things done. They are new, but they are promising; and I think in two or three years' time they will be deeply appreciated as bringing reason and impartiality to a difficult situation.

Our Council has liked organised labor from the beginning, and organised labor has been a good friend to us. I, myself, served last Summer as a teacher in week-long runs at labor schools for the CIO and others scattered all over the South. It took more than six weeks out of the Summer. We help make a Southern climate in which the trade unions can flourish.

Your good friend, Paul Christopher, is a member of the small Executive Committee which runs the Southern Regional Council. And Paul comes to meetings and puts his energetic brains into the show.

I do not expect the Stone Workers to make an enormous donation, but I do greatly hope that you can find us several hundred dollars. I should think your Southern people would know about us. If they don't, would you be good enough to write me of people you have hereabouts with whom we could be directly in touch?

I enclose an audit for the Southern Regional Council's fiscal year, which closed September 30, 1955.

We are not primarily pamphlet-pushers. We work in other, and we think, better ways. But we do print a few things and they will give you the flavor of our views. So I send them along too.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Paul Christopher
RA

December 14, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Exec. Dir.
THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Many thanks for the Travelstead material. I have been intending to write or call you about it so it is doubly welcome.

We should like very much to run in New South that portion of his speech which deals with the question of school segregation. We would probably accompany it with some of the editorial excerpts and/or comments of our own.

If you are in touch with Mr. Travelstead, I will appreciate your asking his permission. In any case, I will write him myself somewhere along the line.

As soon as the matter of permission is settled, we can work out the arrangements for reprints.

Thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 14, 1955

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC INC
1820 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Adam:

The enclosed letter to Russell Wiggins, with enclosures, is self-explanatory. I thought it better to send him too much rather than too little.

We hadn't heard about the Minnesota assault. If you have it, I'd appreciate a copy. Also I'll appreciate a copy of anything Wiggins may do on the subject.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enclosures

December 14, 1955

Mr. Russell Wiggins
Washington Post
1515 L Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wiggins:

At Adam Yarmolinsky's suggestion I am sending you the enclosed material pertinent to the recent attack on the Southern Regional Council by the Hearst newspapers.

The full text of the original Hearst story, as carried by the New York Journal-American, is contained in the large advertisement reprinted from the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot. This is one of several paid advertisements sponsored by pro-segregation groups in the south in an effort to discredit the work of SRC. Also enclosed are the following:

(1) An eight page memorandum which we prepared to counter a similar attack by Georgia's Attorney General Eugene Cook. As a general defense of the SRC's honesty and reputability, it is equally relevant to the Hearst attack.

(2) A column by Alfred Mynders, editor of the Chattanooga Times denouncing the Hearst story.

(3) A promotion leaflet which contains laudatory comments on SRC drawn from newspaper editorials.

You are well aware, I know, of the dishonest way in which alleged past "affiliations" are cited to cast doubt on the loyalty of good citizens. We have not thought it worthwhile to try to demonstrate the false and misleading nature of the citations used against some of our board members. They are all respectable individuals, some of them nationally prominent. Attached is a list of those named in the Hearst story, with brief identifying notes.

I apologise for the relative bulk of this material, but I wanted to avoid the delay of preparing a new, briefer answer.

We greatly appreciate your interest and would welcome a chance to furnish more information anytime it is called for.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enclosures

Rev. Frank Wilson Price,
New Monmouth Church,
R.F.D.1 Lexington,
VIRGINIA.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Price,

Thank you for writing. We all admire you, and wish you every harvest of courage and purpose.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mr. Harry L. Golden,
The Carolina Israelite,
P.O. Box 2505 - 1229 Elizabeth Avenue,
Charlotte 1,
NORTH CAROLINA.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Golden,

We appreciate you.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mr. Carson Pritchard,
College in the Country,
Carrollton,
GEORGIA.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear Carson,

Thank you for note in re the Biddles, to whom I have written. I don't feel aglow with present hope, but I always have plenty for the future, and so said.

Come to see us. We miss you.

Roy Harris tells lies.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mr. and Mrs. William Biddle,
Program of Community Dynamics,
Earlham College,
Richmond, INDIANA.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear the Biddles,

Carson Pritchard wrote me that he had enjoyed visiting with you in St. Louis, and that he had passed on to you the notion of an International House in Atlanta.

I see no present signs that one could be had, but the darkest hour, etc., and day may be coming.

In any case, when and if you can come to or near Atlanta, let me know, and we can doubtless find various things that we could be working at together.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mrs. Earl D. Cotton,
2023 Schiller,
Little Rock,
ARKANSAS.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear Mrs. Cotton,

Many thanks for check, all duly received. And Mrs. Henderson wrote me a nice note, and everybody had a good time all around.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Rev. Robert E. Hughes,
Moore Building, Room 206,
Court Street,
Montgomery,
ALABAMA.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear Bob,

Here is our reply from Mr. Kaufman.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

GSM:rl.
Encl.

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UNITED FUND OF MOBILE COUNTY, INC.,

204 St. Francis Street,

P. O. Box 1561,

Mobile, Ala.

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council,
63, Auburn Avenue, N.E.,
Atlanta, 3, GEORGIA.

December 13, 1955.

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

It was nice seein you the other day, and I am so glad you called on me.

My responsibility here in Mobile is quite heavy, but in addition to that, I have taken on a number of regional and national obligations which makes it impossible for me to take on anything else for some period of time.

Thank you so much for thinking about me, but I am sorry I will not be able to accept any additional appointments.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) WILLIAM KAUFMAN

Executive Director.

December 14, 1955

Mrs. Guion Griffis Johnson
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guion:

I've got a notion, but it needs a delicate, jingly, slightly sobby kind of poet to get it over. I don't assign you; but I doubt if anyone in Chapel Hill knows who could do the job as well as you who could.

I would like to get the word around that it is morally indefensible for a public school which is not in compliance with the Supreme Court decision to fly on a public building or a public school the flag of the United States. Also, that it is morally wrong for such a school to make the kids pledge allegiance - "with liberty and justice for all."

The best notion that I can dream up for getting the notion around would be to put it in a catchy and perhaps overly-sentimental bit of doggerel. You could get that published in a maggy and then you could get a lot of newspapers and church publications and even school publications to carry the jingle. I don't say that people would act as jingle desired, but, lady, would it be discussed!

Please, ma'am, if you would, roll this around Chapel Hill some, and see if anyone comes up with a rhyme.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

December 14, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I was glad to learn that you had a satisfactory meeting with Paul Williams. We will look forward to Paul's further report.

As to your second point, I don't feel that it is necessary for the Personnel Committee to bother with a revision of my job description. I believe it is quite broad enough as it stands to encompass the function of countering attacks on the Council in the area of public relations. The existing language includes the following:

"Maintain contacts with the daily, weekly, and periodical press, and, upon occasion, to prepare and circulate news releases. Conduct negotiations with organs of opinion, including the press, radio, television, etc. ... and inform them on matters Southern and matters relating directly to SRC."

The point I meant to convey in our conversation is simply that it would be well for us to realize that defense of the SRC's reputation is likely to be a larger and more important function then it has been in the past. I don't feel that any formal action is called for, but simply awareness by all of us that a substantial amount of staff time and resources are going to be claimed by this unhappy function.

On the whole, I think our public relations are doing well. I have several recent exhibits which I will pass along to you as soon as I can get them reproduced.

Best regards.

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 14, 1955

Mrs. Ruby Lyells, Exec. Dir.
MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

We have had inquiries about the real circumstances behind the slaying of the Rev. George W. Lee of Belzoni. Do you have any information that has not appeared in newspaper accounts? In any case we would like to have your personal views of the case.

Best regards from all of us here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:maf

December 14, 1955

Mr. Paul R. Christopher, Regional Director
AFL-CIO
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tenn.

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your letter. We hope to have some word on the advisability of legal action very shortly; the lawyers seem to move even more slowly than the rest of us.

I have sent you a copy of the Swanson-Griffin book today.

We missed you at the Annual Meeting and we would be appalled at the thought of your not being able to continue on the Board. That would be a sore loss indeed.

I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 14, 1955

Department of Publication and Distribution
National Council of Churches of Christ in U.S.A.
120 East 23rd Street
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Please send us three copies of each of the following statements.

The Churches and Segregation

Statements Adopted by Religious Groups
Re Segregation in the Public Schools

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

December 15, 1955

Mr. Leonard Hass
Hass-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hass:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on January 20-21, 1956 at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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We earnestly hope that you will be able to attend this meeting. As usual the Council will assume expenses of members.

Please indicate on the enclosed postal card whether or not you plan to attend the meeting. We will have to make arrangements with our host as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
Encls.

December 15, 1955

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

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Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

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Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

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Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

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Mr. J. M. Dabbs
RFD
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Atlanta University
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P. O. Box 6056
Richmond, Virginia

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Mr. Ross Williams
5990 Southwest 48th St.,
Miami 43, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

Your letter of December 13, 1955, concerning information, has been referred to me.

We do not have copies of the pamphlet you mentioned, but we are mailing you a copy of our publication, "America's Tenth Man," under separate cover.

Payment for this publication is 10¢ either in coin or stamps.

If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

JC:mef

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1035 N. W. Second Avenue,
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P.S. My wife's Presbyterian relatives shower me with each fresh issue of the Outlook, bedecked so well!

GSM:rl.

Mr. David Freeman,
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.,
60 East Forty-Second Street,
New York 17,
NEW YORK.

December 15th, 1955.

Dear Dave,

Morris Abram is to be in New York December 29th, looking out for suitable lawyers. He'll call you early, and I hope you can advise with him.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Robert L. Kirkpatrick,
Governmental Affairs Institute,
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

December 15th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick,

All right about the Japanese gentlemen, January 29th to February 1st.

I've got them into the custody of the League of Women Voters for a session, a boss-queen of the Clubwomen for another, and the Secretary of the Georgia Teachers and Educations Association (Negro) for a third, and there'll be other things to work into a leisurely program.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mr. Lucious Pitts,
201 Ashby Street, N.W.,
Atlanta,
GEORGIA.

December 15th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Pitts,

Here is the information about the four Japanese newspaper editors, whom you so kindly agreed to talk with on Tuesday, January 31st., at 10.30 in the morning.

I'll arrange for them to get to your office. Mrs. Ruth Alexander, in my office, will work out the details of lunch at A. U. and will write you about that.

I find that the Washington people gave me only one copy of the vital statistics on the four gentlemen. Names:

Toshimitsu FUKADA.
Takashi SUZUKI.
Shiro SHIMADA.
Seetaka HATANKA.
Interpreter - Mr. YAMAGAMI.

So it makes five!

Appreciatively yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
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GSM:rl.
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Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forrest, North Carolina

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Carter Wesley
Leonard Haas ✓ X
Rufus E. Clement
J. M. Dabbs ✓ yes
Paul Christopher
John A. Griffin ✓
Harry V. Richardson ✓
Maurice V. Shean yes
Josephine Wilkins yes

(E. A. McDowell ✓ X
Not on Exec Committee)

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Oklahoma A. & M. College,
Stillwater,
OKLAHOMA.

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Dear Mr. Duncan,

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Textile Workers Union of America,
AFL-CIO,
110, W. Sixth Street,
Charlotte,
NORTH CAROLINA.

December 16th, 1955.

Dear Boyd,

You were a good egg to put up two solid dollars for Paul and for SRC. We are grateful, and we will be sending you again New South, as a proper subscriber.

I hope to visit your office, and renew my praise of every part of textile unionism that you get to happen in the South.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Charles H. Deshler, Jr.,
John Hay Whitney Foundation,
630 Fifth Avenue,
New York 20,
NEW YORK.

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Dear Mr. Deshler,

We are deeply grateful for the John Hay Whitney Foundation's grant of $1,000. We will use this for Mrs. Tilly's work through the Fellowship of the Concerned. That helpful program could not go on without the generous help of the Foundation, and we are all most appreciative of it.

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Rev. M. Moran Weston,
National Council of the Protestant Church,
281, Fourth Avenue,
New York 10,
NEW YORK.

December 16th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Weston,

I have written Mr. William G. Wright, expressing the hope that again for 1956 SRC can make its way into the Budget, and be helped, as heretofore, with the badly needed thousand dollars.

We have to get together 55,000 this year, for the Atlanta office, from sources other than the Fund for the Republic - a whopping job, on top of some anxiety over day to day matters hereabouts! Anyway, lend us your help, please.

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Dr. William G. Wright,
National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church,
281 Fourth Avenue,
New York 10, N. Y.

December 16th, 1955.

Dear Dr. Wright,

We do hope the Southern Regional Council is into the Budget again for 1956, and that in due time the Church will help us as heretofore.

The stage is set; the curtain has been up for a scene or two; and the drama deepens. The books on human relations say that the way to accomplish change is to change the rules from the top, and enforce them quickly and firmly before opposition can organize, and then (say the books) everyone will settle down and like it. But in actual American practice it is inevitable that time should be given for changes so large, and that in the time the opposition should organize to assert its reluctance to see change made. Such a contest for popular adherence (the law on the one side and fear and private power on the other) is bound to be earnest and threatens to be bitter.

All I know is that the Southern Regional Council is working peacefully, reasonably, and moderately to knit up in each Southern State and locality such understanding across the lines of race as will enable agreed local solutions.

We have the machinery for that in the twelve State Councils, made up of respected persons, who have experienced interracial agreement.

Here and there we get jumped on, by bitter-enders. And that we take as a sign that we are doing some good.

Dr. William G. Wright,
National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church.
New York.

December 16th, 1955.

Our major grantor, the Fund for the Republic, requires us to raise for the central office in 1955-56 the almost overwhelming sum of $55,000. Some twenty of that I don't as yet see my way to at all. But I do greatly hope that in this time of most unusual strain the National Council will stand by us, and provide again the thousand which we deeply need, and greatly value.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
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Encls.

P.S. I send as one example of good work a page from a November issue of the Richmond paper. A best foot forward, but we take other good steps!

Also here's a great fat audit for the last eighteen months, April 1st. 1954 to September 30th, 1955.

Mr. J. M. Dabbs,
R.F.D.,
Rip Raps,
Mayesville, S. C.

December 16th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Dabbs,

When I wrote you yesterday I omitted what straining care had led me to put into the letters to the other people asked on the Board - the current rush of accusations that SRC is a bunch of reds. How far all that will have trickled to you I don't know, and I hasten to add the same paragraph and enclose that the others had; I would not have it said that we got anybody to be part of us without knowledge ahead of time of the silly fussing.

There aren't any reds, andnever were (with the possible exception of a Birmingham member back in 1944-47 or so); and 'tis but a part of the effort of genuine subversives to paint loyal Americans as something else, just because we stand up for the Court and for modern opinions. So more power to us; and I think the country, and the South, will come to share our views!

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

P.S.

In all fairness I let you know that we have been jumped on, probably libellously, by those who are running a warfare against the Fund for the Republic, which has given us a substantial grant. The Hearst

Mr. J.M. Dabbs,
Rip Raps,
Mayesville, S.C. December 16th, 1955.

Journal-American, in New York, on November 7th, 1955, published a scandalous article claiming that 21 of our Board members were "pro reds", categorizing thus a string of outstanding Southern leaders; four or five College and University Presidents, an Episcopal Bishop, a couple of newspaper publishers, various ministers, and so on. I send you a paid advertisement in which the Virginia form of the white citizens' councils republished this attack. Also Fulton Lewis, Jr., doubtless by careful concert, made much in his broadcasts in mid-November of the Journal-American charges. The editor of the Chattanooga Times put his finger neatly on the truth in a column which is enclosed.

GSM:rl.
Encls.

Mr. Earl R. Brown,
Executive Secretary,
Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions
of the Methodist Church,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, 11, N.Y.

December 16th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Brown,

Here is some account of 1955, in this Southern Regional Council, which the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church has generously aided.

Our long-term effort has been to establish in each of twelve Southern States soundly based, ultimately independent race relations agencies, with professional staff. The substantial grant from the Fund for the Republic was mainly put to this purpose. With it we got such a body going in the later months of 1954 and in the first half of 1955, in all the Southern States (except Oklahoma, which we think capable of doing well by herself). Ordinarily they are called the Virginia Council on Human Relations, or the Alabama Council on Human Relations, but two or three of them held to old-established names, such as the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, and the Texas Commission on Race Relations. Each has paid white and Negro staff (at equal salary rates); each has an office, and a mimeograph machine, and all the little services that go with an agency in being. They are much used by many organizations, and by many Church groups, in their States; as sources of information, as coordinators of planning, and simply as extra hands to get things done. I send along as a best foot forward a story from the Richmond paper on a press interview with the Virginia Council, proposing step-by-step integration. This came out just when the State was poised for contrary advice from a legislative commission; and we think that Virginia will ultimately come back to the calm and reasonable methods proposed on this occasion. The other groups are doing similar things; some in local communities as examples to spread, some Statewide.

December 15th, 1955.

An interesting development is the use in Kentucky and Tennessee of a selected body of consultants, already established in schools or Colleges over their States, and able to reach pretty thoroughly into the communities near them. These men and women, some white and some Negro, have been going out systematically into the counties, interviewing the people who will make local opinion on the question of the schools; getting some information, giving some, and generally getting the counties to planning on next steps for compliance. Remarkable how effective so simple a device proves.

In the central office here in Atlanta we have sharply improved our publication, NEW SOUTH, which now reaches nearly five thousand subscribers, and grows apace. We have added staff, and we are trying to do with consultants of our own a training job for the staff and Board people of our twelve State organizations. And hereabouts we write the letters and see the people who by their generosity make possible the continuance of the whole effort.

Mrs. Tilly works with her special tact in bringing along Southern women of the Churches. They have a conscience on these matters already - the best conscience in the South. What Mrs. Tilly does is enable them to get together in a single annual Southwide meeting, and then she follows that up with groups in each of the States. It is all in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings of the denominational bodies, and it is carefully not propagandist. No observer can fail to admire her sure skill in getting Church leaders to encourage one another, out of experience, out of the scriptures and out of conviction. In the long run this whole job of converting the South to a modern attitude on matters of race will be carried mainly by the Church women of the region. And when the book is written Mrs. Tilly and the Methodist women will shine through many chapters.

There is fierce opposition, and it organizes ever more intensely. But it is subversive in purpose, proposing to drag the South again through the distressing history of defiance of the Nation. [I cannot help believing that Southerners of all people did learn a lesson from history, and will at the right time draw into a course of honor and charity. The opposition snatches at straws, and that is a good sign, though one straw they have snatched gives us annoyance. The last gusts of McCarthyism are being blown now through the South, and narrow political figures are making charges that everybody practically on the side of law and order is some kind of a Communist. It is now being put about that various Board members of our Southern Regional Council have "pro-red" records, and the least nod ten years ago or twenty toward sympathy for people at the bottom is tagged as "proof" of disloyalty. A queer situation, in which those who would subvert constitutional government win fame by accusing the loyal of subversion! I enclose a sample of such propaganda, from an ad. in a Norfolk paper paid for by the Virginia form of the Citizens' Councils, and a truthful reply by the editor of the Chattanooga Times.

December 16th, 1955.

There is also an audit, for 18 months, and a shorter one for twelve.

We could not keep alive without the help that the Methodist Church, in its various branches, gives us, and we do most warmly hope that the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church will wish to put strength into us for 1956.

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Encls.

December 16, 1955

Mr. Benjamin Segal
Trade Union Consultant
1631 "K" Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Here is a copy of the article that I promised to send you some days ago. Frank Loescher just returned my only carbon yesterday, so I am only now able to send it to you.

No great revelations, but it may be of general background help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enclosure

Dr. Chester C. Travelstead,
920 Beltline Boulevard,
Columbia,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

December 16th, 1955.

Dear Dean Travelstead,

Our Board did elect you to its number, on November 9th, of course subject to your acceptance.

We all greatly hope you will serve, even if perforce the term is short (we having a rule that non-residents of the Region may be our dear friends but not our policy-making members). But we honor you, and want you to be part of us.

In all fairness I let you know that we have been jumped on, probably libellously, by those who are running a warfare against the Fund for the Republic, which has given us a substantial grant. The Hearst Journal-American, in New York, on November 7th, 1955, published a scandalous article claiming that 21 of our Board members were "pro-reds", categorizing thus a string of outstanding Southern leaders; four or five College and University Presidents, an Episcopal Bishop, a couple of newspaper publishers, various ministers, and so on. I send you a paid advertisement in which the Virginia form of the white citizens' councils republished this attack. Also Fulton Lewis, Jr., doubtless by careful concert, made much in his broadcasts in mid-November of the Journal-American charges. The editor of the Chattanooga Times put his finger neatly on the truth in a column which is enclosed.

But do write us that you are willing to serve, even briefly.

Sincerely yours,

GSM:Bl

Encls.

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

December 16, 1955

Mrs. J. E. Gaines
Dalton,
Georgia

Dear Mrs. Gaines:

I know you are aware of the fact that there is a great deal of clamor in Georgia against the Ford Foundation and the money it has given to the Southern Regional Council. Gene Cook, our Attorney General, has appointed some secret Segregation Deputy Assistant Attorney Generals for the State of Georgia. We have found that one of them is in your town, Carter Pittman. I doubt that you have any influence with him since he was very prominent in the states rights organization, but I wanted you to know this.

These Attorney Generals are to spy out those who are not against segregation and what else I don't know. Since the Ford Foundation has spread money over Georgia so thickly there is a changed attitude towards it. You may be interested to know that there was a bill to be introduced in the legislature which was to prevent the state [redacted] from buying Ford Cars. But it has probably been laid aside since the new Ford grants in Georgia.

With the best of Christmas wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

December 16, 1955

Mrs. C. C. Sapp
Albany,
Georgia

Dear Beulah:

You already know, I think, that Roy Harris and our Attorney General Gene Cook are out to "blast" the Southern Regional Council and have had much to say about the funds that we have received from the Fund for the Republic which is a part of the Ford Foundation. Mr. Cook called up and asked for a list of all our Board members and all employees and Dr. Mitchell told him he had nothing to hide but in return he would ask him to give a list of the secret Segregation Deputy Assistant Attorney Generals for the State of Georgia. Among them I find is our friend, Grady Rawls. They are to spy out anyone who is not opposed to segregation and so on and so on.

I thought you might be interested in knowing this. However, I want to add that since the Ford Foundation has spread much money over Georgia, there is a more favorable reaction to the Ford Foundation as you may know. If our Tech-Griffin episode could have only been known in Georgia it would have been a most worthwhile episode. Griffin evidently forgot the lesson taught Gene Tallmage by students when they rebelled that other time. I was in a retreat with 100 young Methodist leaders during that weekend. One night at the supper table they got up a newspaper in seven minutes. One of the personals was "Marvin Griffin has been elected Queen of the Homecoming at Tech. He has been seen "hanging around the Campus". To say the least of it, life is never dull in Georgia.

I hope you will have a wonderful Christmas for you so fully deserve to have one. With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

December 16, 1955

Dr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent

We are enclosing a copy of the letter which is being sent to members of the Executive Committee in regards to the meeting on January 20-21, 1956.

We will let you know as soon as we have heard from the members in reference to the number of people who will attend the meeting and need housing. We are thinking that you can probably take care of the number who will attend.

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to state to you that he woulk like to reside on the campus.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
Encls.

December 16, 1955

Mrs. Delores M. Sloan
325 East 77 Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Sloan:

Your air mial letter came while I was away on a vacation so that my reply may be too late for your article.

What I have been doing is what I have wanted to do and felt that I should do and there are many women in the South who are doing the same kind of work. Therefore, I deserve no credit or desire it.

I am enclosing some sheets of Colliers weekly of December 30, 1950 which of course is old stuff but it does give you a little background of the Fellowship of the Concerned. For many years, I have called together the women leaders of our various denominations whenever we are faced with certain crises and we have called ourselves the Fellowship of the Concerned. It has no officers, and is just a group of women concerned about affairs here in our South. At the present time we are concerned about the tensions that have followed the Supreme Court's decisions on segregation. I am enclosing a copy of the workbook mailed to the women for study before they came together in April, 1955, and also a copy of the Gleamings of that meeting. This meeting has been followed by state meetings. The women coming to these meetings have really been selected by their own denominations and you can see from the resource people in the work book, it has the backing and support of the National Council of Churches. These groups have been interracial and of the three faiths, protestant, catholic, and Jewish.

You asked for some specific story of Community participation of both races in a project. The latest one I can give you happened a week ago in Upson County, Georgia when the Director of the Chamber of Commerce organized every white and Negro Church and every school in a great Christmas Float Parade. To each were given a verse of the Christmas story upon which their float would be based. Perhaps the best float was one from a Negro Church on "There were shepherds abiding in the fields keeping watch over their flocks". On this float were shepherds (negroes) and a little Negro boy with his arms around a lamb. The parade went into every community of the County, depicting a unity of Churches in the celebration of the birth of Christ.

As for myself, I was born in Hampton, Georgia, a little middle Georgia town, in the Methodist parsonage, for my father was a Methodist minister. I lived for some years in the parsonages at other places, and always over the door steps came the troubles of the community so I don't remember when I first became concerned about human beings. I have served in many places in my Church and in state and community activities; served on President Truman's Civil Rights Committee, and for four years was a member of the National Commission on Children and Youth of the Children's Bureau, was sent by the Palestine Christian Committee to Israel with five men to bring a report back to be presented to the Trustee Council on the internationalization of Jerusalem.

I do not care how little of this about myself you publish. In fact, what the women of the South are doing and the Fellowship of the Concerned is much more important than anything else.

Sincerely yours,

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In Charge of Women's Work.

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Daily File

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Administrative Assistant

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Encls.

Mayesville, South Carolina
Dec. 17, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George,

It seemed like old times hearing from you again. And such a pleasant letter. I am almost overwhelmed with my election not only to the Board but also to the Executive Committee. I hope you know what you're doing. Certainly I am interested in the South, and especially in the Southern situation today, and I shall be happy to help the SRC in any way I can.

Mrs. Dabbs and I were also delighted to hear about Frank Loescher's coming. Unfortunately I am engaged to attend a Fellowship of Southern Churchmen meeting near Nashville, Tenn., from Jan. 10 to the 12. I don't know just what my schedule going and returning is. I shall probably be back by the morning of the 13th. I wish it were feasible for Mr. Loescher to come by either the week before or the week after, but please insist that he come by anyhow. Mrs. Dabbs knows and agrees with all my attitudes on the race issue. Also, as past president of the United Church Women of S. C. she has significant information and opinions which I don't even know. If I am here, we shall both be delighted to greet Mr. Loescher; if I am away, Mrs. Dabbs will welcome him.

You notice that this typewriter doesn't want to finish the lines. That's because it's so cold here. I remarked to several people that I had no objection to the NAACP, but durn this northern winter somebody was sending down here. You see, I make it personal, like all the other Southerners. Well, it's more satisfying that way: you can fight a person, but what can you do with a principle? Most people can't do anything with it; they don't recognize it when they see it.

It was nice of you to compliment me on the OUTLOOK articles in Christmas terms: "Bedecked so well, " you say. As Pogo would say, "Deck us all with Boston Charley."

I shall be looking forward to seeing you and my other friends in Atlanta in the not too distant future.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

J. M. Dabbs

J. M. Dabbs.

Board, Gen. Corresp

Mr. Leonard Haas,
Haas-Howell Building,
Atlanta,
Georgia.

December 19th, 1955.

Dear Leonard,

The Board of the Southern Regional Council, when it met November 9th, 1955, elected you to membership. My recollection is that years ago you were duly on the rolls of the Board, and then when the office of Counsel had a Board seat allotted to it, ex-officio - we put some body or other in your former elected-place on the Board. This time the nominating committee and the Board wished to make certain that even if at one time or another you should succeed in getting free from the burden of being Counsel you would still be on the Board. Hence your due and regular election, to a four year term beginning November 10th, 1955. I do hope you will accept, and please us all.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
c.c.
G.S.A.

Mr. Marion A. Wright,
Top Knot,
Linville Falls,
NORTH CAROLINA.

December 19th, 1955.

Dear Marion,

Travelstead was elected as an alternate, but so many of the first-string people have turned us down that we must plainly dip into the alternates. In that effort I wrote Travelstead about December 16th, asking him to come on the Board, if only for a while. Hope he will accept.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mr. Alexander E. Sharp,
Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian
Church in the U.S.A.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10,
NEW YORK.

December 19th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Sharp,

The Board of National Missions delights the heart and refills the coffers of the Southern Regional Council! Warmest thanks for your letter of December 16th. Early in January we will send in the voucher, and get out New Year's present!

Appreciatively yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

c.c. (blind)
R.A.

Mr. Joe R. Hoffer,
National Conference of Social Work,
22 West Gay Street,
Columbus 15,
OHIO.

December 19th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Hoffer,

I will be most grateful for the fine free copy of the "Social Welfare Forum", with the S.F. speechlet all in print. Christmas mails have got the book, but she'll come along.

Appreciatively yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mr. Robert R. Snodgrass,
Atlas Auto Finance Company,
262-264 Spring Street, N.W.,
Atlanta 3,
GEORGIA.

December 19th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Snodgrass,

We are sorry not to have you on our Board, where we would have welcomed your judgment. Most kind of you to evidence so tangibly your interest in what the Council works at.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
Encl.

Daily file - check

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G.S.A.

Mr. Albert Vorspan,
Executive Secretary,
Commission on Social Action,
Union of American Hebrew Congregations,
838 Fifth Avenue,
New York 21, N. Y.

December 19th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Vorspan,

Here are copies of the letters I sent to Dudley Ward, for the Methodists, and Malcolm Calhoun, for the Presbyterians in the U.S.A. They will explain more formally than my 'phone call what we have in mind.

John Hope is now getting together his string of people, and in any present pinch could supply competent people now. We pay Hope $35.00 a day plus his travel for those days on which he serves as consultant to us, and I suppose that John Hope will be using that same figure for the others who assist him. Some of the people will be white and some Negro.

If you can use this machinery it is wide open to you. John Hope can be reached by mail at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., and his office telephone in Nashville is 42-3396.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

P.S. In a pinch John Hope's ultimate boss is Weidenfeld, at the Congregational Church's headquarters, down there on Fourth Avenue.

c.cs. John Hope,
C.H. Parrish. Fred Routh.

Dr. E. A. McDowell,
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Wake Forrest, NORTH CAROLINA. December 19th, 1955.

Dear Dr. McDowell,

Two fingers in one matter, and we get crossed up a bit!

When the SRC had its annual Board meeting November 9th the Board (which elects to its own membership and to its Executive Committee) elected you (subject, of course, to your acceptance) to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee meets four times a year, and has most of our day-to-day policy answers to give. Traditionally it met in Atlanta, but nowadays we spread about a bit, and have met lately at Mammoth Cave,Ky., and shall be meeting at New Orleans and on St. Helena's Island. Customary to cover expenses of Committee members. The Committee has nine elected members, plus the President of the Council, and the three or four vice-Presidents, plus the General Counsel, Mr. Leonard Haas.

I know you are busy, and had put off writing you because I knew the load you carry. But the Committee and the Board urgently want your share in advice and direction, and we all greatly hope you can agree to serve. We will promise to be as undemanding of your time as can be, and would be grateful for your getting to meetings with no more than standard regularity (which is grand for some, and lazy for others!)

In all fairness I remind you that we have been jumped on, probably libellously, by those who are running a warfare against the Fund for the Republic, which has given us a substantial grant. The Hearst Journal-American, in New York, on November 7th, 1955, published a scandalous article claiming that 21 of our Board members were "pro reds", categorizing thus a string of outstanding Southern leaders; four or five College and University Presidents, an Episcopal Bishop, a couple of newspaper publishers, various ministers, and so on. I send you a paid advertisement in which the Virginia form of the white citizens' councils republished this attack. Also

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Do write us what you decide. We will hope that you can serve in this kind way.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
Encls.

December 19, 1955

Mrs. L. C. Puttcamp
Route 3
Cillicothe, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Puttcamp:

Your letter to Mrs. Rossevelt was referred to me by her. I was out of the office for some days on a vacation, hence the delay in writing to you. I think Mrs. Keyes is very fortunate in having a friend like you. I am sure she appreciates it in the time of her sorrow. I have two suggestions to offer to you to give to Mrs. Keyes:

First of all, if she really wants to go into some work in the Social Field, she will have to have some special training. As she has a college education I am sure she could fit herself for some definite place of service. It is almost impossible to find a place unless you do have specialized training.

My second suggestion is that both you and Mrs. Keyes get in touch with the Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in your area. The Bishop is always willing and desires to be of service, especially to the widows of ministers. She may have already done this, but I suggest she keep in touch with him.

I wish there was something definite I could do for Mrs. Keyes for you have presented a splendid case for her and I am glad I had the privilege of reading a letter written by such a friend. With the best of wishes for you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

cc: Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt

December 19, 1955

Miss Florence Small
Bethune-Cookman College
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Miss Small:

I have an assignment to write a story about Mrs. Bethune. Also, I have a meeting at Orlando on the evening of January 10. If on my way home I stop by your college for a day or perhaps two, would it be possible for me to have access to some information and data on Mrs. Bethune? If so, I would appreciate your advising me as soon as possible as dates have a way of becoming filled. In addition to the information I need, I would thoroughly enjoy having some time with you.

With the best of Christmas wishes to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

December 19, 1955

Mrs. J. H. Joiner
Route 1, Box 5 L
Maitland, Florida

Dear Mrs. Joiner:

This is to let you know that I will be with you Tuesday, January 10, for your evening meeting. I will be glad to accept your hospitality while I am there. I will have to leave the 11th for Daytona Beach. With the best of wishes for your meeting. I am looking forward to being with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

Mr. Harry S. Jones,
North Carolina Council on Human Relations,
Room 209,
121 East Third Street,
Charlotte, N. C.

December 20th, 1955.

Dear Harry,

Loescher's on his schedule booked for a meeting of the Board of the Virginia Council on January 5th, the day you will be meeting in Chapel Hill. But Loescher has written us that he intends to be in Durham, N.C. Friday, January 6th, mostly visiting friends at Duke, including Waldo Beach at Duke, MacNeill Poteat at Wake Forest, and Paul Guthrie at Chapel Hill.

So if in the aftermath of the Chapel Hill meeting you or others should be thereabouts, contact could be made with Loescher through these people.

Good of you to schedule meeting at Chapel Hill, and we wish Loescher could get to it, but he obviously can't.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
c.cs.
Frank Loescher.
Fred Routh.

Mr. Frank S. Loescher,
414 South 46th Street,
Philadelphia 43,
PENNSYLVANIA.

December 20th, 1955.

Dear Frank,

Re January trip.

Note that on Wednesday, January 11th, you are loose in the Carolinas. The S.C. Council on Human Relations has scheduled for Wednesday, January 11th, at 2 P.M. a quarterly Board meeting of that Honourable Council. They hope very much you can be there. I am notifying Mrs. Alice Spearman, at 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, that it is quite likely you will attend.

The Quarterly Board meeting will be at the Methodist Center, 1420 Lady Street, Columbia.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
c.cs.
Mrs. Alice Spearman.
Fred Routh.

December 20, 1955

Miss Ruth M. Davis,
Public Relations Department
THE REPORTER
136 East 57th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Davis:

Unfortunately, our budgetary squeeze doesn't permit us to order reprints of the Mississippi articles, though I earnestly wish we could.

The best we can do is order 30 copies of the magazine, which will at least enable us to circulate the articles to some of our key people.

Please have the magazines and the bill sent to this office, marked for my attention.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 21, 1955

Mr. A. R. Mead
1719 N. W. 6th Ave.
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Mead:

We appreciated your kind comments on the October issue of New South. Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write you about the other matters you raised.

Your manuscript on the handling of labor disputes falls well within the interests of the staff here, but unfortunately outside the proper scope of NEW SOUTH. But your proposed study of the role of psychology in court decisions would be of great value in the present controversy. If you carry it through, we would appreciate a chance to make some use of it.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

December 21, 1955

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Department of Sociology & Rural Life
Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Duncan:

Thanks for your letter. Despite your modest disclaimers, we still would like you to do a piece for us on Oklahoma.

Dr. Mitchell sums up what we are after in these words:

"What was the law about schools and other forms of segregation in Oklahoma (before the 1954 decision)? When and how (sketchily) did practice begin to outgrow the law? A quickie on the Sipuel case and its dire consequences. Flow-out of desegregation to other state and private colleges. Events of breakdown in public schools. What did the Governor at the time of the '54 decision say and do? What did NAACP say and do? What happened, how's it going?

"How much desegregation in schools? What was that queer business of a constitutional amendment to knock out segregated taxes for segregated schools, and by what did the amendment pass, and why?"

There's little I can add, except the hope that this makes our idea somewhat clearer. Of course, we don't want to blueprint the article, since your familiarity with the Oklahoma scene would put you in the best position to know what deserves emphasis.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 21, 1955

Mr. Earl J. Johnson, Vice President
UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS
News Building
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of December 12.

I understand, of course, your wish to be sure that any reprinting of Lee Nichols' series will preserve the objective balance of the original. Would it be satisfactory if we simply reprinted the first two articles in toto, omitting the third and last? This would enable us to conserve space without any internal tampering with the copy. And the first two articles are, for our purposes, the most valuable.

We plan to use no surrounding text, except for the proper acknowledgement to United Press for permission to reprint.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 21, 1955

Dr. Inez Adams
Department of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Adams:

We are delighted to learn of the second community workshop to be sponsored by the League of Women Voters and other organizations in Nashville.

Unfortunately, such free material as we have had recently is almost completely exhausted. We could supply you with a couple of hundred copies of an appropriate issue of our monthly publication NEW SOUTH; and we could furnish about 50 copies of the summary report on desegregation in Baltimore. If you haven't already used it, we can make available in quantities of 50 or more copies of our pamphlet ANSWERS FOR ACTION: SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTH at 15¢ per copy.

I am sending you separately sample copies of NEW SOUTH, from which you may select the most appropriate one, a copy of the Baltimore report, a copy of ANSWERS FOR ACTION, and a publications list. We will be glad to send any of our priced publications on consignment.

Sincerely yours,

HAROLD C. FLEMING,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

December 21, 1955

Mr. Patrick E. McCauley
SERS
P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. McCauley:

Our information, like yours, suggests that organizations formed specifically and exclusively to further school desegregation are practically non-existent. However, the following groups are worth mentioning, in case they have escaped your notice:

(1) The Integration Service, Inc., of Memphis was set up early last summer as a clearinghouse for individuals and groups favoring school desegregation. Margaret McCulloch is the executive secretary, and the address is 749 Walker Avenue, Memphis 6, Tenn.

(2) In 1954 the Clearinghouse on Public Education in Northern Virginia was set up to serve Arlington, Fairfax County, and Alexandria. The chairman was Jack Worndorff of Arlington, and the group was made up of people in that area who wished to further public school desegregation. We have just learned that the organization was dissolved about two weeks ago and that there are plans to establish a new group for the specific purpose of opposing pro-segregation amendments to the Virginia constitution; that is all we know at the moment.

(3) The Montgomery County, Md., PTA has a special Committee on Integrated Schools and Integrated PTAs. Not a separate organization, but a special-purpose unit of an existing group.

(4) Bi-racial citizens committees officially appointed to assist school authorities in planning desegregation might be included, unless you are limiting your survey to voluntary citizens groups. You probably have more information than we do about such committees.

Though not precisely to the point, I am enclosing for your files a list of our state organizations and their principal staff members.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you, Don Shoemaker, and the other SERS staff members.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
for Information

enc.

December 21, 1955

Mr. Forrest LaViolette
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Forrest:

Your letter about a program for the forthcoming Southern Sociological meeting.

I would try to make it informal, pitched toward action. Some such thing as next steps in school integration.

John Hope, at Fisk, works full-time for the American Missionary Association and the Race Relations Institute. He also serves as a chief consultant to SRC in corralling and sending out to organizations a group of social science specialists. Many of them will be Negro. We are hoping that such a body of social science people brought into contact with citizens and official groups will be importantly educational. I think reading papers is a flop and I think that what passes for a panel these days is a flop.

Suggestion: Make John Hope organize the program for you. I would fetch in two white and two Negro sociologists. I could suggest them from such names as Paul Sanders, Bill Jones, Louis Killian, Hyland Lewis, C.H. Parrish, Herman Long, Preston Valien, and Mozell Hill.

Bring the four experts together for a brief preliminary meeting with the whole crowd, splitting them into four circles or tables. Squirt each expert onto each circle. Bring them back together for review and for action suggestions. That seems to me audience participation and a first-rate learning experience. I have mentioned this to John Hope and he would be willing to do the work.

Of course, it may not suit and you may need papers

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

December 21, 1955

Mr. William W. Biddle
Director, Community Dynamics
Earlham College
Richmond, Indiana

Dear Mr. Biddle:

Many thanks for your letter of December 16. I hope we can all be together soon and plan some things to do.

Within the next ten days or so, I shall be going to Fort Benning to see old friends. If you will quickly let me know where to find them, I shall try to get hold of your son and his wife.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Mr. Harry L. Golden,
Editor: Carolina Israelite,
Box 2505,
Charlotte,
NORTH CAROLINA.

December 21st. 1955.

Dear Mr. Golden,

That was kind of you to send me the booklet on Jewish Roots in the Carolinas. I have spent an hour in dipping into it here and there, and have learned a lot, and smiled upon occasion (the six daughters), and been proud with you of so much dignity and probity, and of the standing that has been achieved, deservedly, in these Southern states.

I saw no mention of Mr. August Kohn, of Columbia, S. C. He must have died ten or twenty years ago, but he was a leading figure in finance and in public philosophy in Southern industrial development, and a man deeply respected throughout South Carolina. Perhaps you have long since got together his story.

I look forward to many pleasant associations.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Mrs. Myra J. Bryant,
431 - 12th Terrace N.,
Birmingham,
ALABAMA.

December 21st., 1955.

Dear Mrs. Bryant,

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431 - 12th Terrace N.,
Birmingham.

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Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
Encls.

Mr. Frank S. Loescher,
414 South 46th Street,
Philadelphia 43,
PENNSYLVANIA.

December 21st., 1955.

Dear Frank,

I still need to hear from you, in writing, that the January trip is to be more, or less, like the last letter that went up, with revised schedule. (December about the 15th). Then I'll notify the various folks as to when to expect you.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

December 21, 1955

Rev. Ralph Lord Roy
255 W. 108th Street
New York 25, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Roy:

You gave me a rather difficult assignment but I'll take it up one by one.

I have known Don West since he was in school at Martha Berry at Rome, Georgia. He left there because the school was in competition with the farmers around the school in marketing produce and under selling them. I knew him at Vanderbilt when the Congregational Church gave him a scholarship. Don, coming out of a poverty situation, and concerned about others more than he was the studies at Vanderbilt, spent much of his time exposing the evils he found in Nashville. Vanderbilt recognized him, however, as a person with a brilliant mind and decided it was best to give him a diploma. You may know that he was sent by the United States government to Norway and Sweden in the interests of agrarian affairs. Than I lost sight of Don for a while and was told by leaders in the Congregational Church that Don was hiding out because he was an organizer for the Communist Party. I am enclosing an editorial of the Atlanta Constitution which substantiates his past affiliation with the Communists. The next I knew of Don he was a teacher in the public schools of Lula, Georgia. He made such a splendid record there that he was recommended to become a preacher in the Methodist Church in the North Georgia Conference. I do not believe that Don is now connected in any way with the Communist Party. I think Don has been sincere in everything that he has done. He has been seeking a way to aid under privileged people.

Concerning Mr. C. T. Pratt:-- I have been in Dalton many times and have listened to the mill officials condemn him for taking so much money out of the pockets of the mill workers. The Church of God of the Union Assembly is the largest auditorium in that section of Georgia and mill people flock to it. The collections are taken in Kegs and the money pours in so that Mr. Pratt owns his own air field and air plane and property all about Dalton.

Some months ago I sat in on one of Mr. Pratt's services. I certainly found nothing in it that would elevate any one. He led the singing and was more vigorous than musical, but the people seemed wrapped in enjoyment. Sometimes I have felt that he's a real fraud and then again I've realised that he's a friend to labor and the workers in that area need friends. Although the conditions are better at Dalton then they are perhaps anywhere else in our state. When Don West came with Mr. Pratt, there was a great cry from the section of the state that the Communists had moved in and the Solictor charged the grand jury to make a study of the Communist influence. If the grand jury presented any findings, I have not had a copy. It might be possible to secure one if they have returned their report. We must remember though that the Southern mills directors and owners are very much against organised labor and apt to call any one a Communist who is friendly to unions. The Church of God and the Union Assembly under the direction of Mr. C. T. Pratt sponsored a Henry Wallace meeting. That, too, is in the background. Summing this up, personally, I feel that it is rather wrong to think that either Mr. Pratt or Don West are working in the interests of Communism as such.

Now about Claude Williams. He was called before the un-American Activities Committee at New Orleans and I think came out very well. He, too, is spending his life in the interests of the "under dog". Maybe not very wisely sometimes but I don't think any one who knows him would accuse him of being a Communist. I don't know where you could find copies of the materials you wish from the People's Institue except by writing to Claude Williams and I think he would gladly furnish you whatever you want.

I don't know anything about Owen Whitfield or Malcolm Dobbs. I'm afraid I haven't been very helpful to you but if you desire it, I think I could get more information about Mr. Pratt's activities for you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

Enclosure

Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard,
Society for Crippled Children,
New Orleans,
LOUISIANA.

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Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Encls.

December 22, 1955

Mr. Fred G. Walcott
Workshop Co-Director
School of Education
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Walcott:

That is most kind of the workshop and I would love to come. Anything as far ahead as August 14 is subject to the hazards of this world, but assuming health and wind, I will come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

December 22, 1955

Mr. Herman Long, Director
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nasbville 8, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

This is our approval of the arrangements outlined in your letter of December 13, and we agree it should run til the end of May 1956. Here is our check for $1000 to seal the bargain.

Mr. Hope should send his expense accounts directly to SRC on SRC blanks and we will pay them from this office. If he needs a travel advance, he should write Mrs. Alexander for one.

You and John and Dr. Widenhouse have been most co-operative in this whole matter and we are grateful. From time to time, if the arrangements need modifications to make it better liked all around, let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

December 22, 1955

Miss Irene Osborne
103 East Broadway
Alliance, Ohio

Dear Irene:

Just a wee note to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year. Its been lots of fun working with you and I look forward to continuing our work and friendship after the first of the year.

Things are going well here and I have much to tell you when we get together. How about dropping me a note and letting me know what your proposed plans are.

We all miss you and wish you the best of everything in the year to come.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

December 22, 1955

Mr. Charles Winick, Research Director
ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Winick:

Many thanks for the ADL pamphlet Trends in Human Relations Research. I shall read it with interest and promise to drop you a note after I have read it.

Thanks again.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

December 22, 1955

The Rev. Ashton A. Almand
College Heights Methodist Church
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Dean Almand:

Thank you for the invitation to lead a Seminar for the MSM Convocation of Florida students held at Leesburg in late August. Unfortunately, I couldn't come for the entire period but I would be glad to come down and spend two days with the group and talk about "The Churches role in Desegregation".

Dr. Mitchell, whom you know, says that it would be necessary for the group to pay my travel expenses. There would be no charge for the time, of course.

I have been up to the Leesburg Camp before with Methodist student groups, particularly the Wesley Foundation groups from accross the state and have always found them to be stimulating experiences where the students are well advanced beyond the general population in the appication of their faith to the problems which they face.

Best wishes of the Christmas Season.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

December 22, 1955

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo, Exec. Dir.
LOUISIANA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

It was nice to be with you in New Orleans and I hope that we made possible a stronger organization. I hope that you have gotten in touch with Mrs. Rowland and that you are proceeding to commit people to that proposed advisory group or planning committee. I think this will greatly strengthen the Louisiana Council and make more effective its work.

The best of Christmas wishes to you, Barbara, and the "wee one".

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

December 22, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Chairman
MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi:

We have received your memorandum to Msgr. Brunini on Evaluation of 1955 in Mississippi. Certainly it seems that the state organization faces something of a crises. I have been disturbed by a variety of reports I have had from the state and from Mrs. Tilly. I think in all proability, Dr. Parrish and I will come out early in January for a rather extensive review of the state work and seek to determine what must be done to rectify such grievances as you list in your memo.

The best of season's greetings to you and "little Mom".

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

December 22, 1955

Mr. Clarence L. Hughes
TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
Room 420, Jackson Building
Cherry and Seventh Streets
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Clarence:

George has turned over to me your letter of December 12 outlining the proposed budget of the Tennessee Council. I have run through the items which you have listed for payment by SRC and find that they add up to our agreed allocation. The budget itself looks quite sensible.

Best regards for the Christmas season.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

December 22, 1955

Mrs. Ruby Lyells, Exec. Dir.
MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

We have received the Auditor's Report from Mississippi. I do not understand why you had to "expose your membership file" to the auditor. There is, as I see it, no reason for an auditor to need the names of members. A tabulation of membership would probably be required plus the number of contributors to the organization, but any listing of names, it seems to me would not only be unneccessary, but unwise.

I note that the auditor's bill is $125.00. Unfortunately, that cannot be charged against unused salary for clerical assistants. Our agreement with the Fund is that salary money will be used for salary purposes only. Most of the other states, by the way, got their audits done for about $50.00.

Best of Christmas wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

Mr. Mark Etheridge,
The Courier-Journal,
Louisville,
KENTUCKY.

December 22nd., 1955.

Dear Mark,

You've been our friend in times past. The Board, when it met last month, elected you to be a member of the Board again, subject, of course, to your accepting.

Terms are for four years. The Board meets once a year, and it has been customary to pay the expenses of members.

You know all about what sort of a show the Council is, so I do nothing in the persuasive line. But in all fairness I let you know that we have been jumped on, probably libellously, by those who are running a warfare against the Fund for the Republic, which has given us a substantial grant. The Hearst Journal-American, in New York, on November 7th, 1955, published a scandalous article claiming that 21 of our Board members were "pro reds", categorizing thus a string of outstanding Southern leaders; four or five College and University Presidents, an Episcopal Bishop, a couple of newspaper publishers, various ministers, and so on. I send you a paid advertisement in which the Virginia form of the white citizens' councils republished this attack. Also Fulton Lewis, Jr., doubtless by careful concert, made much in his broadcasts in mid-November of the Journal-American charges. The editor of the Chattanooga Times put his finger neatly on the truth in a column which is enclosed.

We would greatly like for you to be part of the group which sets our course. Troublous times, and wise men are needed, by SRC. Do think about it with care, and see if you can let us have some of yourself.

Sincerely yours,

GSM:rl. Encls.

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

Copies:Fred Routh
HCF
John Hope
Ruth Alexander

December 22, 1955

Mr. C.H. Parrish
926 South 6th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H.:

I have been in correspondence with the Council's President as to the attendance by staff members at the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee at New Orleans (at Dillard) January 20 and 21.

That series of meetings falls neatly into three sessions: Friday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 p.m., Friday evening, and Saturday morning. In the last meeting of the Executive Committee (shortly before the Board met) it had been agreed that the Executive Committee would at its subsequent meetings have a period in which no staff members were present, a period in which some were, and a period in which only the Executive Director, from the staff, would be with the Committee.

It is agreed that the New Orleans meeting will be one in which, during the Friday afternoon session, the Executive Director and the four assistant directors and the secretary-treasurer, will be present, with a view to supplying maximum information to the Committee, I expect we should absent ourselves for the Friday night session, at which time the Committee will presumably get further with decision as to the presence of staff at its meetings-both for the remainder of the New Orleans meeting, and for subsequent Executive Committee meetings.

So please plan to be on hand in New Orleans for the afternoon of January 20, and available to the Committee for the morning of January 21.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf
P.S.: GSA can book accomodation for us at Dillard or wherever.

December 22, 1955

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Exec. Dir.
SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I have notified Frank Loescher of your meeting on Wednesday, January 11. I hope that it will be possible for him to make it. We do not have his itinerary yet. There is a tentative one that GSM made for him but I don't want to forward it to you until we receive confirmation from Frank.

The very best of everything at this Christmas Season. Keep up the good work.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

December 23, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher,
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.,
60 East 42nd St.,
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

You scheduled and we scheduled you to be in Mississippi January 17. Now, belatedly, word comes from Mississippi that January 17 turns out to be the day they inaugurate a new Governor in Mississippi, and some important members of the Executive Committee could not get to a meeting that day. So they are moving their meeting to some other day in January (6th or 30th), neither of which you can make, I assume.

I will write them that you can not get to Mississippi.

I assume that Mobile still holds.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

December 23, 1955

Mrs. M.J. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Loescher had scheduled himself to be in Jackson at some considerable inconvenience January 17. But as you have had to move your meeting away from that date, I have written him not to come that day. His schedule will not permit him to be there January 6th or 30th.

I am devoted to Mrs. Ratliff.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Mr. John Hope,
Fisk University,
Nashville 8,
TENNESSEE.

December 23rd., 1955.

Dear John,

Fred and H.C.F. and I have read your letter of December 20th, and its proposed outgoers.

I like the plan in general.

I am sorry you can't write and say what fee they will get. They will want to know. Why don't you give them $35.00 a day, plus their travel?

Exhibit l: OK, except that I doctored to read "to arrange payment for the occasional services of a limited number", and split that great long sentence by a period after consultants, and changed state board into "members of state groups affiliated with SRC".

Exhibit ll: OK, except that I changed "field" to "States". If I were field I would hate to be field. Also, being GSM, I changed expedite to speed and relative to about. Forgive.

Exhibit lll: At end of third paragraph I added "but we expect it to be at a reasonable figure". I would prefer that you announce it, but do as you please. If there's money enough to do the job at all we should do it right, and make people feel they are being worthily compensated. Otherwise OK.

Questionnaire I leave to your technical judgment.

We will type any or all of these letters any time you say go, and supply appropriate dates and figures, if supplyable.

Mr. John Hope,
Fisk University,
Nashville 8,
TENNESSEE.

December 23rd., 1955.

Excellent scheme on copies of letters.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

P.S. Copies, shown, to Fred, C.H.P. & H.C.F. G.S.M.

Mr. A. C. Miller,
The Christian Life Commission,
161 Eighth Avenue, North,
Nashville 3, TENN.

December 23rd., 1955.

Dear Mr. Miller,

Do make any use you can of John Hope and/or his other related group of consultants.

I tried to telephone you this morning about the rest of your letter of December 21st., which worried me a bit.

Point is that present opinion of the matter of opening the schools is an unimportant datum. If Columbus had asked the red indians what they thought of Cadillacs they wouldn't have had much ground for knowing. Very few Southern white people have ever seen an unsegregation, and they have little more basis for judging it, and every guy is against what he doesn't understand, so people are against it. The matter was neatly put by the U.S. Solicitor General, or whoever he was, named Sobeloff, in the hearing about February, 1955, before the Supreme Court. One of the justices asked what would be the state of local opinion in such an such circumstances. Sobeloff: "Your honor, I had not supposed that the enforcement of one's civil right depended upon a public opinion poll".

So there seems little good in sounding out opinion as it stands. Much more to the point to get people into the experience of working out the facts and a possible solution, with responsible Negro people. The thing to pursue is this process. Getting that going anywhere is worth all the energy people have; painstakingly finding out what they think the absence of that process is ... surplus.

Methods: Community self-survey.

Have the local school board by an official act impanel a citizens' committee, white and Negro, to find the facts and advise it what to do. People will gladly serve if officials asked (they won't for a voluntary group), and together they'll find the solution surprisingly easy,

Mr. A. C. Miller,
The Christian Life Commission,
Nashville.

December 23rd., 1955.

in most circumstances. In tough circumstances it may well be that by agreement, and perhaps in return for concession somewhere else, wisdom calls for delay.

The Church to take the lead in getting small groups together, to find the facts, and work out possible solutions.

Nothing's any good unless the Negro people are chosen for their courage, and are accorded respectful, considerate, equal conference.

That Nashville workshop is a honey, and we all praise it.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive FDirector.)

GSM:rl.

P.S. Case similar. Before the U.S. Courts opened voting to Negroes many said "no good", and "blood will run". Bunko.

The Rev. Rolfe Lanier Hunt,
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.,
79 East Adams Street,
Chicago 3,
ILLINOIS.

December 23rd., 1955.

Dear Lanier,

When you called I promised to scrape up some more opinion on the Belzoni matter.

Here is a letter from a trusted Negro friend in Jackson, on it, dated December 20th, 1955.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
Encl.

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I cannot say I have anything definitive on the Reverend Lee case. My intelligence has come from the papers and personal conversations with Negroes within and outside of the Belzoni community. I have had a telephone conversation with one white woman in the community. (This contact gave me a better idea of the extreme tenseness and fear existing among the whites). There have also been conversations with white friends during which opinions have ben expressed.

Knowing that it is difficult for most people - white or black - to be objective in these situations, I am making the following statement with a perfect willingness to change my position on the basis of true evidence.

Reverend Lee had been active in getting Negroes qualified to vote. He had been asked by whites to cease from such activity - perhaps to remove his name from the Registration Books and withdraw from NAACP.

He was shot at night from a passing vehicle. Losing control of his vehicle, he crashed into a residence. The first report was death by accident. Negro attendants of his body discovered substances which were later the basis for FBI reports of murder, to which local authorities acceded.

His funeral was the occasion of NAACP charges and demands for justice. A later statewide NAACP mass meeting followed the same pattern, with the sheriff stating beforehand that the people had a right to meet and his only concern was that of law and order.

Negroes had very high hopes that subsequent FBI investigations would identify the "white" murderer. There were rumors of leaks of information which traced the murderer's car to a second-hand car lot in Jackson and the murder-weapon to the sheriff's own weapon.

In the meantime there was introduced the angle of a woman or women which might have provided a motive for murder by a Negro. Some whites whom I consider reasonable have shown an inclination to accept this theory. To Negroes it is an outrageous subterfuge.

Negroes are discouraged and confused that nothing definite has come of FBI investigations.

In the meantime, Negroes who are qualified voters and/or NAACP members are being told by members of the Citizens Council, what they may expect in the way of economic repression if they do not remove their names from the Registration Books and withdraw from NAACP.

COPY.

Mr. Courts, the latter victim of gunfire is reputed to have been followed daily for months and fired by many employers after only a few days work. He didnot comply with Citizens Council request and was shot one night while in his store by a blast from a passing vehicle. He was taken to a hospital upon policeman's orders - but upon his own whispered request to the Mound Bayou hospital.

The whites really expected him to come back to Belzoni for questioning. He has left the hospital but his whereabouts is a guarded secret.

Meanwhile the Negroes referred to above have been recently called into a meeting by a Negro fronting for the Citizens Council and told by leading citizens of the town about the economic situation, and promised anything they want if they will comply with a list of conditions. Their request for the list in writing of the conditions was not granted. They were told to get Undertaker Johnson (See Hodding Carter's article) to leave town within six months. They were told to act quietly and not to disclose the fact of the meeting nor what went on at it.

Needless to say the fear is mounting. Some of the braver ones think the "other side" is getting fearful.

It is reported that the names of those who pteitioned the Governor and Sheriff for protection at the polls during the second primary last August were sent by the Governor to the Citizens Council with instructions to liquidate this potential threat completely and with expeddition: and certainly not with "too deliberate speed".

December 23, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Marion:

Frank Loescher is planning to be in New Orleans January 20 and 21, and will be attending the SRC meeting there January 21.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

mef/

I did not invite Frank for the whole meeting, but only for some single session. I remember your view at the time of the Board meeting that the independence of the show would be called into question. But Frank is touring the South in January, will have been to many States, can give the Comm. helpful info, (and appraisal of how SRC stand with F of R) and is anxious to meet you, and for this occasion we have you on exhibit. So I hope he may come. I will be responsible for steering him away enough for the Committee to have privacy enough. GSM

December 23, 1955

Mr. Jimmy Edmundson
1509 S. Second Street
Charleston, Illinois

Dear Mr. Edmundson:

The publications listed below are being sent you to assist in your study. Please send us ninety cents in coin or stamps to cover the cost of these.

America's Tenth Man	10¢
Singers in the Dawn	10¢
Changing Patterns in the New South	50¢
New South, December, 1955	20¢
Desegregation in Education	
Publications List	

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

December 23, 1955

Mr. W. C. McLaughlin
2307 West 13th Street
Odessa, Texas

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

I am sending you a copy of our pamphlet "Wanted: An Educated South" which may assist you in the development of your theme. Our publications list and the contents of "Changing Patterns in the New South" are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Enclosure

December 23, 1955

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter containing the enclosure from Mr. Kenneth H. Ford of the Monterey Public Schools. We received an identicalletter from Mr. Ford and forwarded him some materials which we hope will meet his needs and acquaint him with other sources of information.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

December 23, 1955

Miss Alice Nunnally
56 Hillhouse
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Miss Nunnally:

Your topic for reseach "Legal Problems of Desegregation in the South" is one that is frequently discussed. There have been many individuals, jurists and organizations who have said that the May 17, 1954 decision of the United States Supreme Court nullified any laws requiring action contrary to this ruling; thus it would seem that the primary legal problem would be one of enforcement. However, you are probably aware of the pronouncements of many state officials that the ruling conflicts with their state laws and that they plan to uphold the latter. Much of our material in this area has not been brought together in report form, and is available only in newspaper clippings.

May I specifically direct your attention to the following articles or publications which are probably available in your library.

"Segregation in the Public School", Journal of Public Law
Emory University Law School, Vol. 3, No. 1.
"The Litigious Future of Desegregation" Educational Leadership,
November 1955.
Southern School News. October 1955 and November 1955.

I am sending you our publications list, our bibliography entitled "Desegregation in Education," Changing Patterns in the New South" and the October issue of New South. Please send us seventy cents in coin or stamps for the last two items.

I wonder if you would make a copy of your report available to us upon its completion.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

December 23, 1955

Miss Ivaline Berry
Geraldine High School
Geraldine, Alabama

Dear Miss Berry:

Our publication, "Changing Patterns in the New South" is a collection of articles, primarily by Southerners, dealing with various phases of race relations and should provide your class some insight into America's racial situation. "New South," the regular publication on the Council, would keep you currently informed on the tenor of race relations and is available for $2.00 per year. I am sending you a copy of each of these publications and of our pamphlet "America's Tenth Man" for which you may send us eighty cents in coin or stamps.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Enclosure

December 23, 1955

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City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Hartsfield:

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I was gratified to note the recent endorsement of your forward-looking position on this question by both the Methodist and Baptist ministerial groups of Atlanta. I am sure that they and a host of other Atlantans will applaud your decision and will assist in every way its orderly and effective implementation.

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Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

We know this much about Loescher's travels in North Carolina: He will be in Durham Friday, January 6. He intends to hunt up Waldo Beach and Paul Guthrie and did want MacNeil Poteat.

January 11-12-13 Loescher is footloose in the two Carolinas. We don't know what he wants to do or who he wants to see, except various of the South Carolina ones - Dabbs, Hinton, etc.

We are notifying Loescher that you will be at the hotel in Durham January 6th. I feel sure that Frank Loescher will try to help, but the man is an independent empire.

We don't know where he will stop hotel-wise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

December 27, 1955

Reverend Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Frank Loescher will be in Alabama the following days in January, planning to attend these three meetings:

January 7 - Selma meeting
January 17 - Mobile District meeting
January 19 - Montgomery Local Chapter meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef/f

December 27, 1955

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Tom:

Frank Loescher will be in Texas January 22-24. He is leaving his travel schedule in Texas flexible. If any meetings are scheduled, he plans to attend.

Among others, he hopes to see Jubal Parten in Houston sometime during his visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef/f

December 27, 1955

Rev. John H. Marion, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 E. Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Frank Loescher will be in Richmond, Thursday, January 5, and plans to attend the Board meeting you have scheduled for that day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef/f

December 27, 1955

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Frank Loescher will be footloose in NC and SC January 11-13. If trails cross, be helpful to him.

If any meetings are being held at this time, he will plan to attend. Otherwise, he is planning to see Father Shean, Dabbs, Hinton, and look around Clarendon County by car.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef/f

December 27, 1955

Mr. David J. McDonals, President
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Your kind letter of December 22 delights our hearts.

We get brick-bats from politicians, accusations that we are red-fronters from sub-grade newspapers, and angry telephone calls from the local Kluxers. And 'tis rare that a friend and a sustainer writes and says you boys are helping, and stick to it!

I am to have the pleasure of talking to your big local at Alcoa, late next January, on civil rights.

We admire the United Steelworkers Union, and think your sort of honest carrying out of policy among actual people does more good than anything else.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

cc: Mr. Lorne Nelles
(USWA - AFL-CIO)

December 27, 1955

Dr. Guy H. Wells, Executive Director
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
63 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Guy:

Frank Loescher is planning to attend the meeting of the Georgia Interracial Committee in Macon on Monday, January 16.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef/f

December 27, 1955

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

Frank Loescher is planning to be in Daytona Beach, Monday, January 9. Unfortunately, his travel schedule will not permit him to be there on a Saturday, as you suggested, nor will it permit to visit other Florida communities.

Nice if you could have a few of your local stalwarts, at least, to meet him. I expect he'll be in Daytona Beach for the nooning hours, anyway. He's at Selma, Alabama, the day before, and at Birmingham the day after.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef/f

December 27, 1955

Miss Jeanne Plante
Grailville
Loveland, Ohio

Dear Jeanne Plante and All:

Most kind of you to share Christmas with me, with the card, that Grailville did.

We do all right, we suppose, but the South doesn't do as we would wish. We have got our twelve state organizations going, and nearly all of them decently staffed. They call themselves the Louisiana Council on Human Relations, or some such name, in each State. They got through their first year of raising bits of money, and getting some members, and beginning to get the truth known. Two more years to go. SRC in Atlanta has the job of teaching the state groups, without any more money than enough just to pay them off. But we try to make bricks ohne straw.

I am always grateful for my visit at the guest-house, and particularly grateful for whatever kind spirit plied my tabel with fresh fruit, and my house with many tiny evidences of care. And knowing that care, from Grailville and from many, I am defender to all of the Source.

A friend here, if ever you or any of Grailville come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

December 27, 1955

The Beacon Press
Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

A couple of weeks ago you sent me very kindly for notice a copy of FRATERNITIES WITHOUT BROTHERHOOD, by A. McC. Lee.

I read the book with interest, and sent a couple of pages of review of it to my own fraternity's magazine. 'Tis the Kappa Alpha Journal (most Southern) and dubious territory for the subject of the book. But I have had a nice letter from the editor, saying that he would consult with the high boss of all K.A.'s, and might run it in the March issue. If out it comes I will send you a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

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(Letters to the Editor)
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Well, it now has been made clear to me.

The answer is obvious.

When a shyster politician, used to grafting and cutting himself in on the public monies, comes across a large amount of money in a foundation and realizes he cannot graft, steal, appropriate, or take any of it for his own profit, it becomes almost more than he can stand.

So they get red in the face, come near to apoplexy, and smear all they can. Imagine money being used honestly and for the public welfare without the slimy hands of politicians getting a nickel of it!

Paul Damascus

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

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Mr. Richard K. Bennett, Secretary
Community Relations
AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
20 South 12th St.
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Dick:

I have just read with considerable interest your publication Toward the Elimination of Segregation in the Nation's Capitol. I think it a very fine report and it shows what process you all went through in reaching your desired goal. Would it be possible for us to obtain 15 copies of the report so that we may distribute them to our state organizations. If there is a cost involved, we would of course be glad to take care of it.

I talked yesterday with Irene Osborne who is in Washington and she seemed in good spirits. She will come back with us the 2nd and we have arranged for her to be with you in Philadelphia the two weeks you suggested. We sent you a copy of the "corrected schedule".

Best personal regards and wishes for the New Year.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

December 28, 1955

Mrs. Walter A. Davis
7 New Townlane
Charleston 50, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

Mrs. E. U. Robinson says she will be available on your South Carolina meeting after the month of February is over. I suggest that you drop her a note advising her of the date when it is set so she will bear in mind that we are expecting her to lead the discussion at your meeting.

Remember we will mimeograph your letters here, address your envelopes if you send us a mailing list and stamp them and send them back to you to mail that they may bear your South Carolina stamp.

I ho I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and may the New Year be full of good things for you and full of opportunities for service.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

December 28, 1955

Mr. Jai Deva Prasad
Dariapur, P.O. Bankipore
Patna-4,
Bihar,
INDIA

Dear Mr. Prasad:

We greatly enjoyed having you and learned a lot. And we feel the friendlier to India for your visit.

You asked for my history. Here it is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef
Encl.

December 28, 1955

Mr. Frank Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd St.,
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Harry Jones, Executive Director of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, has written that he expects to be in Durham, Friday, January 6, the day you are scheduled to be there, and will try to contact you.

He also notified us that McNeill Poteat died in Raleigh last Tuesday.

Harry will be stopping at the Washington Duke Hotel in Durham. We, of course, could not tell him at which hotel you would be stopping.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef/f

December 28, 1955

Mr. Lawrence Lader
85 E. End Avenue
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Larry:

We have racked our brains and our files around here this morning in search of suitable story material of the sort we discussed on the telephone yesterday. Pretty slim pickings. Most of the instances we have thought of are either unfinished business which might yet have an unhappy ending, or situations in which the story can't be fully told without lousing up the principals.

In the end I am left with only a couple of possibles, both of them involving crusading woman editors and brutish sheriffs. You may have read about Mrs. Hazel Brannon Smith, editor of the two weeklies of Holmes County, Mississippi. She has won two awards of the National Federation of Press Women for her campaigns against crooked law enforcement in her county. Most recently, she exposed the sheriff's wanton shooting of a Negro -- part of his customary recreation. He brought a libel suit against her, but she won on appeal to the State Supreme Court. She has had some national publicity, but no full blown magazine treatment that I know of.

The other lady runs the paper in Mt. Dora, Florida and has been carrying on a courageous fight against the brutalities of Sheriff Willis McCall, an infamous bigot and strong arm man. She has championed the cause of the five Platt children who were ejected from the Lake County schools because of an alleged "taint" of Negro blood. The Platt's recently won a court order reinstating their right to attend the white school, but the county school board is appealing it; meanwhile they are attending a private Baptist institution. I haven't got the Mt. Dora editor's particulars immediately at hand but can get them if you are interested.

I wish I could come up with a natural. The best thing, of course, would be for you to wangle a deal to come down here and sniff over the whole ground for yourself. I think we could be of real help in that kind of an operation.

Any way, let me know if and how we can assist. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

P. S. -- Needless to say, we think our operation would make a fine story for somebody. But you know that.

December 28, 1955

Mr. F.Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Woods:

I did not mean to neglect you for such an extended period of time but got caught up in the minutia of detail that goes with this job. As soon as I have had time to look carefully at the first weeks of the New Year I will plan on coming up to Tennessee and conferring with you and other board-people in the volunteer state.

Best personal regards and wishes for the New Year.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

December 29, 1955

Mr. H. Philip Mettger
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS INSTITUTE
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mettger:

At Dr. Mitchell's request, I send you the enclosed newspaper reports of Mr. Prasad's visit to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enc.

December 29, 1955

Marion A. Wright,
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Marion:

As you set up the arrangement with Paul, I suggest that you write him, if you deem follow-up desirable.

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Mr. Walter Langsam, President
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Walter:

I have a bad habit of appearing unannounced. And followed my habit again yesterday. Sorry not to catch you at office and sorry that matters pressed me so that I could not get to see you and Julie.

I do again beg you to exert yourself on behalf of that good Mrs. Felix Spitz, 890 Clinton Springs Road, WOodburn 1-5945. Such joy as she and her husband have had in being in this country should be rewarded by cordial aid. Ideal job: keeping track of the linens in Ward 2X-B of thy hospital.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy blind: Mr. Marshall Bragdon
Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee
City Hall
Cinti, Ohio

December 29, 1955

Mr. Rufus Terral
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH
1111 Olive Street
St. Louis 1, Mo.

Dear Mr. Terral:

Our president, Mr. Marion Wright has passed on to us your request for foreign newspaper comment on the Till case. Enclosed is a release from the American Jewish Committee summarizing such comment. Our articles in New South quoted merely one or two of the best ones.

We appreciate your kind comment on New South. Please let me know any time that we may be able to supply information that may be helpful to you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enc.

December 29, 1955

Mr. J. Claude Evans, Editor
SOUTH CAROLINA METHODIST ADVOCATE
P.O. Box 867
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter is hard to answer, but I'll do my best.

I have always thought that the truth was that the SCHW had in it a few people who were influenced by communism, but for the years in which I knew it with any intimacy (1938 and 1944-47) there was genuine democratic discussion of policy, and watchfulness on the part of the great majority of the Board that Board policies, and not other policies, were carried out. I would not go so far as to designate the SCHW as a united front movement; it was tolerant, that is true, of people who were believed to reflect some Communist influence, yet it made its own policy, which it certainly believed was not a Communist policy.

Frank Graham -- who was first president and later honorary president of SCHW-- everyone respected, and loved. True that he was seldom at Board meetings, and that his views would have been deferred to on almost any issue.

Yet it is clear to me that there were some actual Communist-line people at the 1938 convention which launched the SCHW (that was not announced at the time); and every once in a while I did see some matter that seemed to me traceable to Communist connections.

My own judgment is that the error was not Communist influence (which was never in my view dominant) but poor judgment, poor taste, and poor strategy. It may be worth noting that the evidence of Communist penetration has not been sufficient to persuade the United States Attorney General to list the SCHW as subversive.

All of which doesn't help you with your paragraph. But it does add up to a belief on my part that the paragraph concedes more than is due to the accusations that the SCHW was a Communist front.

The public record, so far as readily available, is in three main documents, from two of which I quote:

(1) Record, The Negro and The Communist Party

(2) Editorial from The Atlanta Constitution

(3) Harvard Law Review Oct. 1947: "Report on a Report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

GSM:mf

Enc.

December 29, 1955

Mrs. Sadie Alexander
40 S. 19th St.
Philadelphia 3, Penn.

Dear Sadie Alexander:

Things are coming to pass aren't they? Our report on Civil Rights is really archaic now, isn't it? In our wildest dreams we never thought things would really happen so quickly-- but they really are not happening in many spots in our sections.--

I do want you to know though, we are trying. I am sending you "Gleanings" from our South-wide meeting of Church Women,- leaders of the three faiths and of both races. These were followed by state meetings and will be repeated this year.

In the midst of writing this note, you called me. How glad I was to hear your voice! I hope 1956 will be full of good things and great opportunities of service for you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Tilly.

DT:mf

December 29, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

The Executive Committee at a meeting last summer said it wanted to jump around from spot to spot. One of the jumps is New Orleans, as you know, January 20-21.

I will do my best to join in with what you want in connection with Mrs. Cahn.

The Executive Committee convenes at 1:30 Friday afternoon, January 20, at Dillard. It will meet all that afternoon. In that afternoon session will be myself and three or four other staff members present.

I expect that will keep me busy also Friday evening; and I also will be at their beck and call for all of Saturday morning. I promised Mrs. Goldthwait and Company that I would try to make their Saturday luncheon and spend the afternoon with them. And I think I may be under some obligation to Mrs. Goldthwait to do her bidding Saturday evening, but I am not sure about that.

As the Methodist ladies have me for an early Saturday afternoon appearance, I am sure I will have exhausted my usefulness to them temporarily by 4:00 PM Saturday. So I should think I could disappear and betake myself to any gathering Mrs. Cahn might set up for later Saturday afternoon.

Alternatively, I would be ~~have been~~ willing to stay over in New Orleans for any meeting, part of Sunday, January 22 - though, naturally, I am more anxious to get home, too. If you pick someone, you had better check with Mrs. Goldthwait, but I feel sure I could be available in the later part of the afternoon.¶ Sounds like a good scheme all around.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVEN

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

December 29, 1955

TO: Directors of Affiliated State Organizations

FROM: Harold C. Fleming

SUBJECT: New Year Letter

At the suggestion of Mr. Marion Wright, president of SRC, copies of the enclosed letter have been sent to a selected list of persons active in behalf of Southern progress.

We have not included in the list members of state boards, feeling that any communication to them is clearly within the province of the respective state offices. We send you the enclosed letters so that you may, if you care to, send a copy to each of your board members. You may already have prepared and sent out your own message of the season, or you may prefer to do that now. In that case simply discard the enclosed letters. In order to avoid possible duplications, I suggest that you not use them for persons other than state board members.

While we are on the subject, best wishes for the New Year from all of us in the central office.

December 29, 1955

Mr. Bruce Maguire
YMCA
291 Broadway,
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Maguire:

My expenses on the Cincinnati trip are as follows:

Train, Atlanta - Cincinnati	26.41
Plane, Cincinnati - Atlanta	27.94
Meals	4.57
Tips	.50
Bus	.20
Telephone	1.35
Airport bus	1.20

I enjoyed the meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

FROM: FRED ROUTH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

SUBJ: PAMPHLET ON COURT DECISIONS & INTERPRETATION

There has been a growing request from our state organizations for a pamphlet which would include the two decisions of the US Supreme Court and a legal interpretation of them which might sell for 10¢.

Such a publication is possible. We need advanced orders for them from our state offices if it is to be produced. Please send me immediately the number you will want for your office. These should sell for 10¢ and will cost just about that much to produce. This is not a fund raising scheme but an information service.

rh:

12/30/55

December 30, 1955

Dr. Robert Johnson
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

You will recall that at a meeting last August 10th under the guidance of Dr. C.H. Parrish, several distinguished social scientists took a look at the work being attempted by the Southern Regional Council and developed some fruitful suggestions for the expansion of council activities. Since that time I have able to arrange payment for the occasional services of a limited number of consultants. They will be charged with responsibility of conducting workshops for board members of State groups affiliated with the Southern Regional Council, staff training institutes, and such other purposes as appear necessary for the successful prosecution and extension of the council's program.

These consultants are to be compensated on a per diem basis in addition to their traveling expenses. I would like very much to have you serve as one of these consultants. A preliminary meeting of the consultants is planned for a convenient time early in January.

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Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director

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Dr. Louis Killian
Department of Sociology
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

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Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dr. G.D. Wilson
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Wilson:

You will recall that at a meeting last August 10th under the guidance of Dr. C.H. Parrish, several distinguished social scientists took a look at the work being attempted by the Southern Regional Council and developed some fruitful suggestions for the expansion of council activities. Since that time I have been able to arrange payment for the occasional services of a limited number of consultants. They will be charged with responsibility of conducting workshops for board members of State groups affiliated with the Southern Regional Council, staff training institutes, and such other purposes as appear necessary for the successful prosecution and extension of the council's program.

These consultants are to be compensated on a per diem basis in addition to their traveling expenses. I would like very much to have you serve as one of these consultants. A preliminary meeting of the consultants is planned for a convenient time early in January.

Through a loan arrangement with the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Christian Churches, Mr. John Hope II has assumed the duties of Assistant Director for Program and he will have the responsibility of coordinating the work of the consultants. He will be in communication with you shortly concerning plans for the January meeting and other matters relative to the consultant service program.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

December 30, 1955

Mr. John Hope
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Yes, please do come to New Orleans January 20-21.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

cc: C.H. Parrish
Fred Routh

December 30, 1955

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pa.

Dear Mr. Loescher:

At the request of Dr. Mitchell, I am enclosing revised copies of itinerary for your Southern visit. We are also enclosing a directory of the affiliated State organizations.

Sincerely yours,

G.S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

December 30, 1955

Mr. W.C. Battles
Sumbry Funeral Home
Phenix City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Battles:

Mr. Hughes, at Montgomery, tells me the New Years' Day meeting is moved to January 2, and that I am to be at the Methodist Church (Fields Road in Girard) at or before 3:00 PM, Monday, January 2. All straight. I'll drive to Columbus, visit friends at Fort Benning in the earliest afternoon, and search you out two-thirty or thereabouts. Hughes said the theme of the meeting is registration and voting, and that you kindly gave me latitude as to my own topic. I'm not good at titles for speeches, but if you have to have a title, I'd give it "Southern Pride."

I trust everyone understands that my (most modest) expenses for coming down (at 4 cents a mile) will have to be met by somebody.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

December 30, 1955

Mr. Marshall Bragdon
Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee
City Hall
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Marshall:

I think if you will get in your auto and get out and see Mrs. Spitz, you will want to arrange things better for her.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

December 30, 1955

Mrs. M.J. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Somebody Unitarian told me that Sam Kincheloe, newly at Tougaloo, is a good person, and would be helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

December 30, 1955

Mr. John Hope
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

The girls are a'typing up the letters to go out to exactly those consultants listed on page 2 of your memo to me of 12/20/55, (Exhibit I as altered by GSM's letter to you of Dec. 23); Directors of affiliated SRC outfits (Exhibit II of your memo, as altered by my letter of Dec. 23); Hope to Consultants (Exhibit III, as altered)

Unsolved problem: fee for consultants. Hope you will resolve and early notify.

The girls dated the letters as they did them.

Here comes the batch for you to sign.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef
Signed by Mary Elizabeth Friedman, Secretary.

FRATERNITIES WITHOUT BROTHERHOOD A Campus Report on Racial and Religious Prejudice by Alfred McClung Lee. Boston, The Beacon Press. pp. xll and 159. 1955 $1.95.

Here's an interesting book, about a subject which K.A.'s are probably going to be slow to deal with, but a subject which they should study. Sooner rather than later nearly all K.A. chapters will have to decide where they stand. Also, if we are to go decently by the things we learn in our Order, we have a duty to lead out on the matter with courtesy and dignity.

Subject: what should you do about asking in colored guys and Jewish guys, and members of other "minorities"? I perfectly know the offhand answer of those who in recent College generations have waved the Stars and Bars from the second storey window of the dear old K. A. House. "To hell with the so and so's". But our Colleges now take a different attitude; the Federal Courts put their weight against segregation and discrimination; Churches begin to make it clear that Christianity and racial exclusiveness are mutually antagonistic; and our business and political life leaves constantly further to the rear the faded loyalties of our honored brothers who wore grey uniforms.

Here is a body of sound Americans, banded together as the National Committee on Fraternities in Education, who got their president to do a book on the problem of racial and religious discrimination in American College fraternities and sororities. The Committee includes 29 people. A lot are at Colleges, as Deand or what-have-yous. I happened to know six out of the bunch; all men of character and balance.

The book is about how far racial and religious exclusiveness has gone in fraternity life; progress made toward breaking it up; the cover-ups of the old boys in convention assembled, and ends on a strong, sound defense of fraternities, provided they will make themselves examples of inclusiveness. A paragraph or two on the K. A.'s (insufficiently informed, I would judge).

Towards the end a bit which I pick for summary: "Stripped of harmful tribalism, the college social fraternity would not be a school for prejudice. It would rather be a fulfillment of its own ideals - a way to prepare young men and women for mature participation in the business and social life of a democracy".

Elaborate notes, a good list of books, and an index. Recommendation: that the Order provide one copy for each Chapter. An item sure to inform, to be read, and to provoke discussion.

Board
Gen

SRC MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE IN 1955

Alabama

Dr. C. G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute
✓ Reverend A. S. Turnipseed, Montgomery

Arkansas

Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock

Florida

Mr. Herbert Davidson, Daytona Beach
✓ Judge L. E. Thomas, Miami

Georgia

✓ Mr. Morris B. Abram, Atlanta Resigned
Mr. J. A. Griffin, Emory University
Dr. J. M. Richards, Decatur
Dr. H. V. Richardson, Atlanta

Louisiana

Miss Florence Sytz, New Orleans

North Carolina

Dr. E. A. McDowell, Wake Forest
✓ Dr. Clyde Milner, Guilford College
Right Reverend E. A. Penick, Raleigh

Oklahoma

✓ Mr. O. D. Duncan, Stillwater

South Carolina

✓ Dr. Ralph Barbare, Rock Hill
✓ Mr. A. J. Clement, Charleston
✓ Mr. J. L. Coker, Hartsville* *
Reverend M. V. Shean, Rock Hill

Tennessee

Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville
Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Nashville
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg

Texas

✓ Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier, Houston
Mrs. J. M. Rayzar, Houston

* Resigned, 1954

January 3, 1956

Miss Gertrude Noar
Anti-Defamation League
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Gertrude:

I hope you will pardon my delay in replying to your invitation to act as a resource person at the ASCD Conference. I have been ill and took some leave to have a chance to recuperate; consequently I am behind on correspondence and we have had to do considerable rearranging of schedules.

My participation in the Conference seems impossible since we do not have funds available for travel. As you know, our travel into the Southern states is extensive so that we are pushing our travel funds to the limit and cannot see our way clear to take on a new assignment which would be an expensive one. I will miss the opportunity of taking part in the Conference.

It was good to see you while you were here. I am now ready to pick up on my own travel schedule, going soon to Virginia and to Florida. I look forward to seeing you when the grand tour is over.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Osborne.

IO:mf

January 3, 1956

Mr. George T. Kalif
School of Social Work
Richmond Professional Institute
The College of William and Mary
800 W. Franklin Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Kalif:

I must offer my apologies that I have delayed so long in returning the materials from the February meeting of the Virginia Council on Family Relations. I had a period of illness in November and took leave which kept me out of the office until just today. The pressure of the schedule had prevented my looking over the material before I left and then found that I did not have it with me when I was away on leave. I realise this must have been a great inconvenience to you and I am most grateful for your patience.

I have this week in the office and I will complete the editing without fail before I leave again. I am to be working in Virginia next week (January 9-13) so no doubt I will see you when I am in Richmond. I will either bring the material to you then or mail it before this week is out. I will be looking forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Osborne.

IO:mf

January 3, 1956

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Thank you for your note. I was more than sorry that it was necessary to rearrange the plans for North Carolina. The press interview you had planned was clearly a fine opportunity and I am sorry that I missed it. Actually, up until just the week before, I was still hoping that I would make the North Carolina trip. It is for that reason that I failed to let you know more promptly that I could not be there.

I have had a good rest and am in good health and fine spirits. As you see, I am back at work now and ready to start out again.

According to revised schedule, I will be in North Carolina March 5-9. If you again want to plan some AFSC participation, it might be well for you to be in touch with Harry Jones. Or, if you prefer, you can write directly to me. I will be going to Tennessee the week following so I think I would find it most convenient to spend the weekend in Greensboro.

I am to spend a week in the Philadelphia office January 15-20 and will attend the Community Relations Round-Up January 23-27. I am wondering if I will be seeing you there.

Thanks again for your interest and your nice note. Regards to all of you there.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Osborne.

IO:mf

January 3, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Richard K. Bennett

FROM: Irene Osborne

We have cleared the dates so that I can be in Philadelphia both for the week of January 16-20 and for the Round-Up January 23-27. So you can expect me to be there on the morning of January 16.

This is a report from my first day back in the office so you can regard this as confirmation that I made it.

MEMORANDUM

January 3, 1956

TO: Elizabeth Watson

FROM: Irene Osborne

I was much interested in the material you sent to Katharine Naysmith regarding Gladys Sellew. I am tardy in my reply because I was ill for a time in November and have been on leave since that time. I suspect therefore that this comment will come to late to be of use to you. In any case, there is little I can add to what you already know but I will make some comment for what it is worth.

I know you are particularly interested in my comment on Highlander Folk School as a possibility for Gladys Sellew. I would certainly think that Highlander would be a likely enough possibility, that it would be good to explore it further if Gladys Sellew is still available. Staff members at the school live on the grounds and have quite an interesting and active life in surroundings which are pleasant though sometimes a bit rugged in winter. I have no idea whether nor not they are needing a staff member at this time, but I believe they have considerable flexibility in staff selection. From the material that you have written about Gladys Sellew, I would guess that the major question is whether or not her basic philosophy would be in harmony with other staff people in the school since they are social action oriented without an explicit religious orientation.

If you want to explore this further, I would think the best idea would be to write to Henry Shippard at Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee. If they are at all interested I am sure it would be best for her to go down and spend about a week or two at the school so that she could learn what it is like and they could get acquainted with her.

If the question is still an open one, I could comment at greater length. Let me know if you would like me to do so. Again, my apologies for this delay in replying.

January 3, 1956

Miss Harriet Cady
YWCA

Dear Miss Cady:

Thank you for your note. I am back now and ready to pick up work where I left off, much the better after a good rest.

The dates of February 24-26 are still clear so that I would have time to attend the Virginia area meeting and I would certainly like to do so. However, we do not have funds available for travel. Therefore, I will not be able to come unless the YWCA can pay transportation costs. We are extremely sorry not to be able to meet this expense here in the Council, but our work with the state groups involves so much travel that we strain our travel budget to the limit.

I will not be in the office again during January nor during the week of February 13-17 so regretfully we must rely on notes from here on. I will be here from February 6 to 10 if that is any help. Do write me whether I should save the dates for the Conference and any briefing which you can offer in the event that I am to attend.

Please accept belated wishes for a very happy New Year. I am so sorry that we are missing each other in our travels.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne.

IO:mf

January 3, 1956

Reverend Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
ALABAMA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Loescher is from schedule to be at Jackson, Mississippi, January 20.

But he is scheduled to be in or near Montgomery, January 19, and I'm sure will look you up.

I've written Loescher about the boycott meeting.

I should think it quite unlikely that Loescher could get to Montgomery the night before the Selma meeting, January 6, but he is to be there the next day, asyou know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

copy: Frank Loescher
c/o Rev. John H. Marion, Exec. Dir.
VIRGINIA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

G.S. Alexander

PLEASE HOLD

January 3, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
c/o Rev. John H. Marion, Exec. Dir.
VIRGINIA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
100 E. Franklin St.,
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Frank:

Hughes writes about the on-going bus boycott in Montgomery. Biggest thing ever. 50,000 staying away. ~~Says~~ Says the boycott groups meeting occurs Thursday, January 19, 7:00 P.M., at a spot not yet announced. White persons welcome. Call Hughes for latest information. Also, he says that the Central Alabama Citizens Council will hold a mass meeting at the Montgomery Civic Auditorium, 8:00 night of Friday, January 6. You would have to pay $3.50 to join the White Citizens' Council, if you wanted to go, which I think unlikely.

I have written Hughes as enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

copy: G.S. Alexander

January 3, 1956

Dr. Paul F. Finner
930 West Park Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Finner:

I have your letter in which you name Professor Raymond F. Bellamy as the Florida representative on the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

We will be happy to have Professor Bellamy serve on this committee. I will keep you and him informed as to the development of this committee.

With kindest regards for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Dr. Fred Routh
Professor Raymond F. Bellamy

January 3, 1956

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

I have your letter in which you nominate Mr. Walter Sharp, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee for membership on the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

We will be happy to have Mr. Sharp serve on this committee. I will keep you and him informed as to the development of this committee.

With kindest regards for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Dr. Fred Routh
Mr. Walter Sharp

January 3, 1956

Miss Helen Fuller, Managing Editor
New Republic
1824-26 Jefferson Place N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss Fuller:

Your letter of December 27, 1955 has been referred to me. It has been suggested by Harold Fleming that I try my hand at an article for you. We do have the material for such an article, and the idea has been approved by Dr. Mitchell.

I've been with the Southern Regional Council since March of this year as Editorial Assistant and recently was promoted to Managing Editor of New South.

I hope this arrangement is agreeable to you. In any case I will submit a manuscript to you at an early date.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor

JC:mef

January 3, 1956

Mrs. Felix Spitz:
890 Clinton Springs Road
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Spitz:

The two people with whom I got in touch last Wednesday: Walter Langsam, President, University of Cincinnati; and Marshall Bragdon, Secretary to the Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee, City Hall.

As luck had it, I saw neither person, but explained the matter in detail to each's secretary, and I have more faith in secretaries than in bossmen.

I hope each will be in touch with you.

If nothing works out, write to me.

Alice and the girls were delighted to have news of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 3, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have been up to North Carolina and held a lengthy conference with Mr. Jones and Mr. Chance, our two staff members. We reviewed the more recent activities of the North Carolina Council and examined the proposed plans, too.

I discovered that your letter to Mr. Jones and the proposal to do something comparable to the Virginia Plan has been reproduced and sent to the board members of the North Carolina Council. This will be discussed along with other matters at the scheduled meeting of the North Carolina Board in Chapel Hill on Thursday, January 5. (This meeting will be held in Guy Johnson's office.)

I also discovered that Mr. Jones had written to all Superintendents of Education in the state to ascertain the name and address of the chairman of the Study Committees. He had received 36 replies from fairly scattered areas from across the state. He had had follow-up interviews with 8 of these superintendents and found that they were well advanced beyond the politicians. Copies of the story of Desegregation in Baltimore, St. Louis, and Washington and Answers for Action have been sent to the Superintendents and to the Chairman of the Study Committees.

After the recent statement of Mr. Taylor advising the disbandment of local advisory committees, Mr. Jones gathered together, mimeographed, and sent to School Superintendents, and Chairman of Study Committees, editorial comment decrying this action. Further, he, himself, made an excellent statement pointing out the necessity of local Study Committees.

A very excellent workshop was held in High Point where some 64 people from across the state, mostly members of local Human Relations Councils attended and participated. The staff will propose to the Board that similar workshops be held in other strategic areas of the state; in the western section to prepare plans for desegregation; in the eastern section to bring factual information about the Supreme Court decision and how it affects North Carolina and the local community.

I intend to attend the January 5 meeting in Chapel Hill and hope that it will be possible for you to be there. The staff in North Carolina seems to be taking a firmer grasp and to have caught some fire.

Best personal regards to you and Mrs. Wright and the best of New Year wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

P. S. -- I am enclosing the editorial comment which Mr. Jones sent to the School Superintendents and the Chairman of Study Committees.

January 4, 1956

Mrs. J. H. Joiner
Rt. 1 Box 5 L
Maitland, Florida

Dear Mrs. Joiner:

I will arrive in Orlando at 4:05 p. m., flight 701, on the 10th.

I have not been close enough to what you are doing to give you very definite instructions as to the workshop, but I will make these suggestions in view of your wonderful declaration of purpose:

1. That your workshop be directed toward ways of making your declaration a program of action by dividing your group into several sections and having someone in each group from your city who will be familar with specific needs of the section. For instance I would suggest that a member of your Urban League or NAACP be ready to tell of the job opportunities open to Negroes and those closed, and that this particular group find means of working within this scope.

2. Another group would be concerned about Personal Safety and Equality before the Law. You may have some city official who could talk on this subject.

3. The third one would be on House and Health and Public Service. If you have a Housing Authority, someone from it might be a discussion leader.

4. The fourth would be one the question of Integration of Schools.

At these Buss groups, have as much time as you can spare for their discussion. Let them bring in a report and follow with the discussion on the various reports.

You might not be able to get all of this in on one evening. If you wish you might take one section in this meeting and follow with others as your purpose really breaks itself up into four or five sub-heads.

With the best of New Years wishes to you and looking forward to being with you on the 10th.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

MET:mf

January 4, 1956

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Although you are no longer chairman of the Mississippi Council, we would appreciate your following through with Mrs. Ratliff, the new chairman, on the selection of a person for the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

We wanted to have this committee completed by the time of the SRC Executive Committee Meeting on January 20-21, 1956. We are fully cognisant of the problems that your council faces but we must try to get this committee started on its job as soon as possible.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mrs. W.H. Ratliff
Mr. Fred Routh

Same
~~Similar~~ letter sent to: Mr. Fred K, Darragh
Mr. W. H. Perry
Mrs. Elsie Rowland
Mr. R. D. Wellons
Mr. G. E. Clary

January 4, 1956

Rev. Duncan Hunter
Alexander City,
Alabama

Dear Rev. Hunter:

As yet we have not heard from you concerning the nomination of a person from your state to serve on the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

We are trying to have this committee completed by the time of the SRC Executive Committee Meeting on January 20-21, 1956. We would appreciate your cooperation in this m matter. We are fully cognizant of the fact that this is not an easy job, but we must get this committee started on its job as soon as possible.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Fred Routh

January 4, 1956

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, Chairman
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
Sherard, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Ratliff:

Rabbi Mantinband as chairman of the Mississippi Council had been in the process of selecting a person from your state to serve on a proposed SRC Finance Committee. This committee would function as a unit endeavoring to raise funds on a regional basis. One-half of the funds raised in a particular state would go directly to that State Organisation. For your information we are enclosing a copy of our memorandum which goes into detail as to how the funds would be divided.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Rabbi Charles Mantinband concerning this matter. We do hope that the committee can be completed by January 20-21, 1956, if it is at all possible.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
Encls.

c.c. Rabbi Charles Mantinband
Mr. Fred Routh

January 4, 1956

Mr. W. C. Battle
1222 11th Avenue
Phenix City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Battle:

I greatly enjoyed the group Monday and am grateful to you and Mr. Cook and Miss Abercrombie for the many kind attentions.

It was most heartening to find the Russell County Voters Association well at work building up participation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 4, 1956

Mr. William G. Wright
The National Council
Protestant Episopal Church
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are deeply grateful for the news in your letter of December 29th.

If the grant may come along in the next couple weeks, we would as always find it life-giving.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 4, 1956

Mr. Marion Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I have been promising myself a visit to Cassandra Birnie during the holidays but have not got it in. Will still try to go and find out what worries her. I suppose it is her failure to get through a resolution anti-The Citizens' Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 4, 1956

Mr. Maxwell Hahn,
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

We are extremely grateful for the Field Foundation's check for $5,000 in support of *New South*, in the calendar year of 1956, being the second installment on the Foundation award at its October, 1954 meeting.

With cordial appreciation,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

January 4, 1956

Miss Florence M. Reed
675 Diamond Street
Laguna Beach, California

Dear Miss Reed:

I appreciate you and your friends and have sent your friends the December issue of New South. In Atlanta or in California, we are gled of your applause.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 4, 1956

Mrs. Inez R. Shearer
297 Linwood Avenue
Buffalo 9, New York

Dear Mrs. Shearer:

I have been trying to find out how that business in the Bible about the one and three talents applies to you. I can't quite hook it up, but you know what I mean.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

MEMORANDUM

January 4, 1956

TO: Staff

FROM: GSM

I have asked Mr. G.S. Alexander to serve as deputy in this office for John Hope. ~~Final~~ Policy determination will be in John Hope's hands, but Mr. Alexander will collect and service administrative matters for Mr. Hope's part of the program.

January 4, 1956

Mr. John Hope
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I balanced between Fred Routh and Gabe Alexander to serve clerically hereabouts for your things.

Fred Routh has to be out so much that I have asked Mr. Alexander to take on the job.

Except as advised by you, none of us here would undertake policy decisions on your matters; neither will Mr. Alexander. But when you need minor details handled, lean on him to do it. Such matters as totting up who could come to what meetings when; letting Zipkins know that a June 3rd meeting changed to June 8th, and so on.

If you have other wishes, let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: C.H. Parrish

January 4, 1956

Carnegie Corporation of New York,
589 Fifth Avenue,
New York 17, New York

Dear sirs:

Enjoyed your annual report.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 4, 1956

Mr. Benjamin Segal
Trade Union Consultant
1631 "K" Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

What arrangements have you made for the staffing of the various summer schools?

Pretty soon they will be arranging their schedules.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 4, 1956

Mr. John Hope
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

Re: your call today. We are sending one copy of the questionnaire to each consultant.

We have added Bill Jones and Kenneth Clark to the official list of consultants and have written them and asked them to serve. Also they got questionnaire.

We have ordered two copies of Rosen-Dean book.

Routh is sorry he forgot to pass on the info about the $35.00 for this time.

Everybody will be here Friday and is waiting for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 4, 1956

Mr. M. LaFayette Harris, President
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Harris:

We are deeply grateful for having y you on our Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 4, 1956

Dr. Alonzo G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moron:

How deeply grateful we are to you for sending in that goodly sum to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

January 4, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 South Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

I think you and I must have been brought up a ~~little~~ alike. They taught me if I had accepted an obligation, to perform under it pronto.

Admiration and appreciation together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

January 4, 1956

Mr. Howard Kester
Fellowship of Southern Churchmen
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Kesler:

I want you to know that I appreciate your invitation to be with your group on January the 10th, but it is impossible because I have an engagement in Orlando, Florida on that date. There are three invitations on my desk for that date and I wish I might accept everyone of them but Orlando has priority on that time.

I take this occasion to thank you for sending me a copy of your report on Mississippi. I was in Mississippi several times last year. The last occasion was about two weeks ago so I, too, am familar with the tragedies of these days in that state. I would appreciate it if you would give me a copy of your findings our of your January 10th meeting.

With the best of wishes to you and Mrs. Kesler, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

MET:mf

January 4, 1956

Reverend John H. Marion
100 E. Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Reverend Marion:

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1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

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303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

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Room 420, Jackson Building
Cherry and Seventh Streets
Chattanooga, Tennessee

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Carver School of Missions
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309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

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211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

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63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

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Same letter sent to: John A. Griffin
Rev. George Clarey

January 4, 1956

Mrs. C. M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

Several days ago we sent you a draft of the minutes covering the November 9, 1955 Board meeting for checking and corrections if necessary.

We would appreciate your returning this draft to us at your earliest convience.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

January 4, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Mr. Routh has informed me that you have a compilation of the local interracial advisory committees that have been appointed by school boards in North Carolina. I would appreciate your sending me the present list and supplements to it as you learn of additional boards. If you have knowledge of non-interracial local committees that have been established to advise the school boards, please give us this information also. Any information on presentation, acceptance or rejection of reports would be helpful.

We have asked the other state organizations to contact the superintendents in their states in order to collect the same information which your office has. The enclosed forms may be used for reporting the results of your project to us.

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Research Assistant

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January 5, 1956

Mr. J. H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

How very grateful we are to you for sending in that goodly sum to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 5, 1956

Mr. J. Saxon Childers, Editor
Atlanta Journal
10 Forsyth Street,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Childers:

A procedural matter which I am sure will find use once it is understood down the line, on the paper.

A story one day early this week in the Journal- I think perhaps on Tuesday- began with some such heading as "Atlanta Colleges Reopen," and went on to recount in meticulous detail the statistics for students in attendance at each and every of the white colleges in the city.

But "colleges" embraces the Negro as well as the white ones. Anybody reading such a story has a right to expect it to be inclusive and give all figures for all groups. In any case, there was a note of civic pride in this story - boasting 17,000 students.

A nice place to have put the complete facts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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January 5, 1956

Mr. Mark F. Ethridge, Publisher
The Courier-Journal and The Louisville Times
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Ethridge:

Your reasons are compelling, and we are grateful for the care with which you set them forth. A sign of a conscientious man from this part of the world! Had it been possible for you to serve, though, you would have been among fellow-spirits; things sharpen these days, and we have to be pretty strong to feel honest.

Every good wish to you, to the Paper, and Louisville, and Kentucky. We are grateful always for the progress that Kentucky has shown, and know that the Courier-Journal has stood up cleanly for what is right and American.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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Copy (and incoming): Marion A. Wright

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THE COURIER-JOURNAL
THE LOUISVILLE TIMES

Louisville 2, Ky

December 27
1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of December 22. It would be more of a temptation to serve now that you are under fire than it would have been in the past when you weren't, but unfortunately I can't. I am on the board of the Associated Press, the Ford Foundation, the University of Beirut and the Printing House for the Blind. All except the last meet in New York and require that I be away from Louisville. I am interested in all of them and try to make a point to be present. In addition, I am chairman of the Louisville Bridge Commission, which, after four years of trying, is about to get a new bridge across the Ohio for Louisville. In addition, Barry Bingham will be away from Louisville working for Stevenson until the Democratic convention, certainly, and if Stevenson is nominated, until the election. I am doing his work as editor of the Courier Journal as well as my own as publisher. I can't pledge myself either to go away from Louisville any more than I am now going or to give myself to any more problems than I have. On those grounds alone, I would have to say no.

Besides, there are two other things that you should think about as disqualifying me as being useful to you, one of them even perhaps prejudicial: that is, my trusteeship of the Ford Foundation. Although you are familiar with the relationship between the Fund and the Foundation, Fulton Lewis and his cohorts choose to ignore it. Because of the Braden case both Lewis and Pegler have undertaken to hook me up with the Communist sympathizers. My presence on your board would give them another stick to beat you with.

There is another reason that you shouldn't want me. I don't have the slightest patience with, or the slightest tolerance for, the Citizens Councils or what they stand for. The Courier Journal, under my urging, has denounced them so violently that wherever in the South our views are known, we are equated with the N.A.A.C.P. My counsel

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would probably be more violent and uncompromising than your board would accept, and probably more so than it should accept. I am of the Deep South by birth, but not of the Deep South on this issue. I would not be good for you and you probably would be too reasonable for me. But the reasons outlined in my first paragraph are compelling and my membership on the Foundation Trustees in itself should be persuasive to you. I must, therefore, ask you to thank the board and present my regrets.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

(signed Mark)
Mark Ethridge

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January 5, 1956

Dr. William Jones
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Jones:

You have received, no doubt, Dr. Mitchell's letter of January 5, asking your participation in a consultant service program. I cannot urge too strongly my personal wish or that of the central office team of which we hope you will be an important member that you join us in this important service to the Southern Regional Council, the South, and thus to the nation.

It seems imperative that we get a good start by attending a conference of all consultants early in January, and, consequently, I am asking you to advise me promptly whether you will serve, and whether you can attend such a conference for the planning, orientation, etc. on Saturday, January 14 in Atlanta. If you cannot attend on this date, please indicate on which of the following dates you can attend: January 13; January 18; January 28.

Your travel expenses will be borne by the Southern Regional Council and per diem at the rate (not yet decided) for consultant services will be paid. I am sorry I cannot indicate this rate at this time, but we expect it to be at a reasonable figure.

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Nashville 8, Tennessee

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Dr. Robert Johnson
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Department of Sociology
Florida State University
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Superintendent W. W. Trent
State Department of Education
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Superintendent Trent,

I would like to ask your assistance in gathering information about the process of school desegregation. As you perhaps know, affiliates of the Southern Regional Council are active in twelve southern states, working toward the elimination of artificial distinctions between people. We have a need to learn all that we can about school integration, so that we may have sound information for use in counselling those with whom we work.

At the present time, we have a special need to obtain information about desegregation in county school systems. We hope for some full and lucid accounts of successful experiences at the county level comparable to those available on major cities such as Washington, Baltimore, and Saint Louis.

Can you suggest a means by which we can obtain such information out of the West Virginia experience? Do you have reports or articles available which you could send to us? Can you suggest one or more West Virginia Counties where local officials acted particularly effectively? Would the superintendents in these counties write to us to tell us of their experiences? Or, can you refer us to the best such people to whom we might write?

We are interested in facts both about desegregation steps, and about the process of decision making and planning. What was done? Who did it? What steps were taken? What basic policies were laid down? What were the results in terms of number of classrooms, pupils, and teachers now in an integrated situation? How do school officials evaluate what they have done, and what do they see as remaining problems?

We look to West Virginia out of respect for the high quality of the job you are doing there. We believe your experience will be invaluable to those who have yet to do the job. We will appreciate any help you can give by way of sharing information. To you personally are due special commendations for the leadership you have taken.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Osborne.

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January 6, 1956

Mr. W.E. Solomon,
1719 Taylor St.,
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Solomon:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at their meeting in November did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board, subject to your acceptance. This letter is to invite you to serve.

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We do hope you will consent to serve. We will be glad to send you anything further about the SRC that you may wish. Write us your decision.

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222 Thompson Building,
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Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls.

January 6, 1956

Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Marion:

Paul Williams called me Friday afternoon from Richmond.

His Chicago trip yielded little but he has since sought and obtained advise in Washington and has a plan with New York contacts which seem promising. He will either be in New York next week or the first week in February. Hopefully next week.

On the issue of the vote in Virginia, he had some indication that opinion is veering around to the stand of our Virginia Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 6, 1956

The Bruce Biddles
2370 Huggins Street
Columbus, Georgia

Dear The Bruce Biddles:

If you get up here on some treasured three-day pass, do please come to see the Mitchells. They live at 906 Lullwater Road, in Druid Hills, with a phone number of DEarborn 5961. And here at the office the 'phone is WAlnut 1821.

I called t'other day on young 'uns named Peter Parker (with wife Julie) at 17 C. Victory Drive.

I have had some exchange of letters with your father, and hope that he will come this way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: Mr. William W. Biddle
Earlham College
Richmond, Indiana

January 6, 1956

Mr. William H. Oliver, Co-Director
FAIR PRACTICES AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION DEPT.
UAW-CIO
8000 East Jefferson Ave.,
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Oliver:

January 3 you said you'd phone us about a stop in Atlanta. I would enjoy that visit, and want you certainly to come.

January 9, 10, and 11 I'm at Bluefield, West Virginia. January 20 and 21 I'm at New Orleans. Otherwise I'm here, and will be looking for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 6, 1956

Mr. C. Anderson Davis, Pastor
John Stewart Methodist Church
P.O. Box 507
Bluefield, West Virginia

Dear Mr. David:

I do appreciate your information about the trains. I have tried to work that out but it doesn't match. So I will still drive and get to the West Virginian Hotel by 10:30, the morning of Tuesday, January 10. I will sleep there that night and drive home next day.

At your service for any of the time I am in Bluefield.

Delighted to see that your three neighboring counties agree to do what is right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 8, 1956

Mr. Philip Widenhouse
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Widenhouse:

I trust you noticed now some weeks ago in the New York Times account of the proceedings of the Interstate Commerce Commission which led to the decision banning segregation, that the ICC relied quite heavily on Herman Long's studies.

That single contribution is enough to justify years of AMA work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

COPY: GSA

January 8, 1956

Mr. Julian Price
Jefferson Building
Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Mr. Price:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at their meeting in November did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board, subject to your acceptance. This letter is to invite you to serve.

Terms are for four years, and members whose terms expire may be reelected for one further term.

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January 8, 1956

Mrs. C.F. Goldthwait,
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Methodist Church, Louisiana Conference
6101 Louisville
New Orleans 24, La.

Dear Mrs. Goldthwait:

I expect the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council will be crowded and that will probably squeeze out my opportunity for having luncheon with your workshop group. But you may count on my being with you at 1:00 P.M. and again at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, the 21st.

I will get myself hauled some way from Dillard to St. Mark's.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 8, 1956

Mr. Edgar A. Love, Bishop
The Methodist Church, Baltimore Area
828 N. Carrollton Avenue,
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Mr. Love:

Mighty grand of you to help get our needs and views around and we are grateful to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 8, 1956

Mr. Gordon B. Hancock,
P.O. Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hancock:

Your letter rejoices us all.

We look forward to that time not far off when we can be at your side again in meetings of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 8, 1956

Mr. A.D. Ward, Executive Secretary
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dudley:

That's right and I will be available to you in Louisiana, March 1, 2, and 3.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 8, 1956

Mr. Edward A. McDowell
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Dear Dr. McDowell:

I do appreciate your gracious letter. I understand the matter, and always did, I think. But your warm friends nominated you, and it was my duty to write and ask you thus to serve. We value you greatly as a member of the Board, and feel supported by your interest. And we try to use conduct which you would support.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 8, 1956

Mrs. Margaret W. Dagen
114 S. Bemiston,
Clayton 5, Missouri

Dear Margaret:

Many thanks for letter to man.

The gal can make the grade. Healthy, pretty enough (not too); A's and B's, honor society, President of student body for the high school, runs her sorority (and Praise the Lord, in that HS experience has found out they're punk), writes the editorials for the HS paper, etc., etc.

Did write Gibbons, and will let you know what next.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 8, 1956

Miss Anne Forbes
Gerry's Landing
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Miss Forbes:

Thank you for sending me the manuscript on Fellowship Houses. I have read it all. Frank Loescher will be in Atlanta in a few days time, and carries about with him (as we both know) a warm interest in this movement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 8, 1956

Mr. John Broome, President
Local 309 United Steelworkers-CIO
P.O. Box 268
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Broome:

Many thanks for everything you stated. I will be at the union hall at 6:00, Saturday evening January 28th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

COPY COPY

UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA
LOCAL NUMBER 309

Maryville, Tenn.

January 6, 1956

Doctor George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The Executive Board of Local 309, United Steelworkers of America, Maryville, Tennessee, extends to you a cordial invitation to speak to our membership on January 28, 1956.

The meeting will start at 7:00 P.M. We will appreciate having you in time for dinner, so that we might discuss some of our problems with you.

The Local will bear your expenses and also a nominal fee for the speechmaking.

Please let me know what time you will arrive and where to meet you.

Yours truly,

John Broome, President
Local 309, USA-CIO

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JB:ycg

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Show to FR and HF

FILE COPY

January 8, 1956

Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Marion:

Your ideas are good and needed, and it will be well if you can be in Atlanta January 17 and 18.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 8, 1956

Mr. Walter C. Langsam, President
University of Cincinnati,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Walter:

That was quite a lot I asked of you, and bloomin' nice of you to give the lady a chance at convincing the man.

We thrive, but the bad eggs threaten us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:Mef

January 8, 1956

Dr. Rex G. Fuller, Jr.,
Weimar, Texas

Dear Dr. Fuller:

As one who had opportunity to know the quality, wisdom, and courage of your Mother, I regret deeply her loss to the many good causes in which she served.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 8, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
LOUISIANA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I can make the Executive Committee meeting in New Orleans either Friday A.M., January 20, or "distinctly second choice" with me, Friday afternoon, 5:00 PM.

Tell me which one you want.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Same letter sent to: Dr. Mozell Hill
Dr. Hylan Lewis

January 9, 1956

Dr. Whitney Young
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Young:

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We are enclosing some material which gives background information on the Council and its policies. We are hoping that you will have the opportunity to read through this material prior to the meeting on Saturday.

Sincerely yours,

John Hope II
Assistant Director for
Program Development

JH:rh
Encls.

Similar letter sent to Dr. Kenneth Clark

January 9, 1956

Dr. Robert Johnson
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Johnson:

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John Hope II
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Same letter sent to: Mrs. Preston Valien
Mr. Harry J. Walker
Dr. G.D. Wilson
Dr. William Jones

January 9, 1956

Dr. Louis Killian
Department of Sociology
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

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Charles G. Gomillion
Charles S. Johnson
Benjamin L. Mays
Carter Wesley
Josephine Wilkins

January 9, 1956

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

As you will recall, Mr. Morris Abram was to go to New York, at the behest of Dr. Mitchell, personally, to explore the legal possibilities of libel action against the Hearst newspapers. Mr. Abram has completed the trip and is prepared to advise interested board members on what may be done.

Can you attend a meeting in the offices of the Southern Regional Council at 3:30 p. m., Tuesday, January 17? Mr. Abram will be present and we hope at that time to discuss the situation in detail. The Council will bear travel expenses.

Please let me know as promptly as possible whether or not you will be able to attend.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 9, 1956

Miss Irene Osborne
c/o Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Irene:

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

January 9, 1956

Mr. Robert M. Frehse
Coordinating Council on Human Relations
THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS
81 East Kirby
Detroit 2, Michigan

Dear Mr. Frehse:

Thank you for your letter of January 6 inviting me to speak at the Coordinating Council on Human Relations in Detroit on May 17. I shall be very pleased to do so.

You asked on what basis could I come. The answer is my expenses for the trip would have to be paid and while not requisite, a modest honorarium to the Southern Regional Council, say in the order of $50 cash would be greatly appreciated and helpful in our continuing effort to assist the south in adhering to the Supreme Court decision. Actually, there would be only transportation costs involved as far as my expenses are concerned since I have a brother living just outside of Detroit with whom I would stay.

Having spent sometime in the Detroit area and knowing some of the problems you face, I would be pleased to emphasize implications for Northern communities, particularly Detroit.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

January 9, 1956

Dr. C. H. Parrish
926 South 6th St.
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

It was good to see you when you were here in town on Friday and to discuss various aspects of the Consultant program. John Hope has been in the office today and we have further reviewed our thinking on this particular effort and more especially on the meeting the 14th.

Something new has just come up: Marion Wright will be in town on Wednesday, January 18 and at which time he wishes to review with the staff the current critical situation in the region, the matter of organized opposition, and the work of the council. GSM has asked me to write you and ask you to come down for this meeting if it is at all possible in your busy schedule. We need your thinking and counsel in this matter and I surely hope that it will be possible for you to be here. We will meet here at the office, probably starting about 9:30 or 10:00 o'clock in the morning. I will talk further with you about it when I see you this Saturday.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

January 10, 1956

The Rev. H. C. Holland
1416 Millege Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Holland:

We here are very much concerned about the "man of moderation" who is neither pro nor con on the segregation question and needs some help from the Church, especially since so much propaganda based on twisted Bible references are being fed to him by the Citizens Councils. We find the Church is giving little direction on the other side. Knowing you are going to a meeting of the Board of Missions and serving in the National Section, we felt that maybe you might find some way in which the Church may be able to offer leadership in these crucial days.

I am sure while you are there you will hear plenty about what is happening in Mississippi -- the fear that is being engendered into the leadership of both white and Negro leaders. Surely it is the time for the Church to give leadership. I called you this morning and found you at Lavonia and as I am leaving in a few minutes for Florida I am writing you this hurried note.

Always with the best of wishes and the highest esteem for you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

January 11, 1956

The University of Chicago Press
5750 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Please send, and bill the Southern Regional Council for, two copies of:

Rosen, Abbott and John Dean. Manual of Intergroup Relations. Univ. of Chicago Press.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 11, 1956

Dr. R. D. Wellons, President
Pembroke State College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Wellons:

I have your letter of January 5, 1956, in which you state that Dr. W. L. Greene of Raleigh, North Carolina has been appointed to represent North Carolina on the SRC Finance Committee.

We will be happy to have Dr. Greene serve on this committee. I will keep you and him informed as to the future development of this committee.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Dr. W. L. Greene

January 12, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Exec. Dir.
ALABAMA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Bob,

As a matter of fact, it is usually done -- and we will be sure to pass along new reactions to your article. It is a little early yet for any to have come in.

Many thanks for the dope on the Monroeville Ministerial Association. I have just read the AP story on the young Lutheran pastor in Montgomery and have forebodings about what this publicity will bring down upon him. Keep us posted.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 12, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Reed:

I don't recall that I have expressed our thanks for the unexpected and very welcome shipment of "The Strange Career of Jim Crow".

It was very thoughtful of you to arrange for them to be sent, and we will put them to effective use.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 12, 1956

Mr. Clarence L. Hughes
TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
Room 420, Jackson Building
Cherry and Seventh Streets
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Clarence:

Thanks for your recent letter. I am sorry that Mr. Beckman did not think well of the New Year letter. If his criticisms are such that we should consider them when the idea comes up again next year, I would appreciate your passing them on to us.

The idea originated with Marion Wright and so far everybody else has thought well of it. Next time, we would aim to get started soon enough to permit the letters from this office to bear individual salutations typed in the same ink as the text.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 12, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold, Exec. Dir.
ARKANSAS COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thanks for the clippings, especially the good news of Judge Reeves ruling. Despite the unhappy events leading to the resignation of Vance this must greatly encourage the positive forces in Arkansas.

I will pass along the copy to Frank Loescher when he arrives this weekend.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 12, 1956

Prof. Jasper B. Shannon
Department of Political Science
University of Kentucky
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Shannon:

When you were in Atlanta recently, I had the pleasure of hearing your interview on radio station WAGA. I have seldom heard so much good sense expressed so well and so briefly. If possible, we should like very much to run the substance of your remarks in our monthly publication New South. Do you have a manuscript which you would be willing to let us publish?

Lee Coleman, of your Department of Sociology, knows us well and could give you any additional information you might want about the Council and its work. With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 12, 1956

Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby
CITY OF DETROIT
Commission on Community Relations
1106 Water Board Building
735 Randolph Street
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Whitby:

I have received your letter inviting me to Detroit on May the 5th and outlining the change in schedule for the meeting with the Coordinating Council from May the 17th to May 4. I will be glad to speak to both groups, Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Coordinating Council.

Thank you for your kind words about my contribution to the NAIRO Conference. Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mf

cc: Dr. Freshe

January 12, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
Mr. Howard D. Roberts
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Guys:

Thanks for your note with the New Year's wishes. I am glad that you had an opportunity to talk with Frank Loescher and to get to know him and to acquaint him with the program and personalities of the Florida Council. I am sure that he, as we in the Central office, is well pleased with the staff in the "sunshine state".

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

January 12, 1956

Mrs. Ruby Lyells, Exec. Dir.
MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

I am glad that you all worked out a meeting with Frank Loescher. I hope it will be possible for all of the state staff and as many of the officers and Board to be present as possible.

Best regards,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FR:mf

MEMORANDUM

January 12, 1956

TO: The Executive Directors who have not yet Answered the Memorandum on the Court Decision phamphlet.

FROM: Fred Routh

SUBJECT: P~~H~~AMPHLET ON COURT DECISIONS

On the 30th of December you were mailed a memorandum asking how many copies of a 10¢ phamphlet which would include two decisions of the court and a legal interpretation you would need.

We have received answers from most of the states. Thus far we have not heard from you. Would you please look up that memo, read it, and send me the information. This would be helpful to us in planning for the publication of this phamphlet which has been asked for by many of the state organizations.

January 12, 1956

RACE RELATIONS LAW REPORTER
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Sirs:

Please enter three subscriptions to your publications, check for which is enclosed.

The subscriptions should be entered on your mailing list as follows:

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Mr. Leonard Haas
Suite 601, Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

We have advised each of our affiliated State Organizations to subscribe. It might be helpful if you sent a copy of your invitation to each of them; a list is attached.

If you plan to offer quantity subscription rates, I would appreciate your advising me of them for future reference.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
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HCF:mf
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324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm
KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
4435 Blenheim Rd.
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dr. Guy H. Wells, Exec. Dir.
GEORGIA COMMITTEE ON INTERRACIAL COOPERATION
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo, Exec. Dir.
LOUISIANA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

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TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
Room 420, Jackson Building
Cherry and Seventh Streets
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, Exec. Dir.
TEXAS COMMISSION ON RACE RELATIONS
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

The Rev. John H. Marion, Exec. Dir.
VIRGINIA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
100 E. Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

January 12, 1956

Mr. Joseph P. Lyford
THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC INC.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

As it happens, I talked to Stafford in New York the evening of the day we last talked. He didn't get back to his hotel until about six p. m. and was leaving bright and early the next morning. I laid out the idea of the McCalls piece and suggested that he try to call Larry Lader that evening. Evidently he was unable to reach Larry, though you might check and make sure.

Stafford's reaction was one of doubt but open-mindedness. He has been advised by virtually all of his friends and associates to steer shy of national publicity. I undertook to reassure him about the proposed arrangement, and I believe that with proper handling he would agree to it.

In any case, the way is open for a direct approach from you or Lader. He is still in Batesburg for the time being. Let me know if I can help further in any way.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 12, 1956

The Rev. John H. Marion, Exec. Dir.
VIRGINIA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
100 E. Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Marion:

I greatly appreciated your informing us so fully of the Legion attack and of your excellent handling of it. It's good to know that we have a group in Virginia that can defend itself ably, though of course we will be glad to pitch in any time you deem it desirable.

We were sorry that the outcome of the referendum went so heavily on the wrong side, though perhaps you anticipated the result. I hope it hasn't unduly discouraged you and the members of the Virginia Council. The present state leadership -- there as here -- is taking the people down a deadend street, and as the consequences become clearer, more and more people are going to be turning to groups like the Virginia Council for sane direction.

I am returning the clippings which you were kind enough to let us see.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

enc.

January 12, 1956

Prof. Howard Grimes
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
Perkins School of Theology
Dallas 5, Texas

Dear Prof. Grimes:

Many thanks for your excellent article on desegregation at Perkins School of Theology. It is thoughtful, wise, and eminently readable -- in short just what we had hoped for.

We plan to use your article in the next New South and will of course send you a number of copies. Meanwhile, I would appreciate it if you would send us a brief autobiographical note which we can draw on for a brief identification to accompany the article.

Again thanks and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 12, 1956

Mr. William H. Perry, Chairman
KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
2230 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Perry:

I have your letter of January 10, 1956 in which you name Mr. Houston A. Baker, 2218 West Broadway, Louisville to serve on the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

We will be happy to have Mr. Baker serve on this committee. I will keep you and him informed as to the future development of the committee.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant.

GSA:mf

cc: GSA
FBR
Mr. Houston A. Baker

January 12, 1956

National Conference of Christians and Jews
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send us a set of your packets prepared for Brotherhood Week, entitled "Brotherhood Under God."

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

January 12, 1956

Department of Publication and Distribution
National Council of Churches of Christ in U.S.A.
120 East 23rd Street
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Thank you for sending us three copies of The Churches and Segregation. I am enclosing thirty cents in coins.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

January 12, 1956

Mr. J.M. Dabbs,
Mayesville, S.C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

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These are:

An organization chart
List of personnel and salary rates
Job descriptions

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Acceptances thus far are not numerous and we hope that the Committee Members will make an extra effort to get to the New Orleans meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 12, 1956

Mr. Leonard Haas
Suite 601
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. Carter Wesley
Box 3086
Houston, Texas

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Dillard University
New Orleans 22, La.

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Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia

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3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

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Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

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216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

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P.O. Box 6056
Richmond, Va.

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Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

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Box 895
Rock Hill, S.C.

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c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

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Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, S.C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

To those members of the Executive Committee whom we expect pretty clearly to the New Orleans meeting, we are sending informationally the present revised condition of the by-laws.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Miss Wilkins:

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January 13, 1956

Mr. Victor Kotun
Muhlenberg College
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Dear Victor:

It has been three long years since you and I have had an opportunity to chat. So I could not write the University of Pennsylvania and drive home my point that you are doing well and deserving of help. I told them that if, after they hear from those who have known you more lately, that you are doing a good job that I am willing to stand behind you. So I really think that most will depend on what your Muhlenberg professors say to the University of Pennsylvania.

Do let me know sometime in detail how you are making out

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 13, 1956

Mr. Maxwell Hahn,
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

It occured to us this year that we might do Mr. Field, yourself, and the Foundation the courtesy of sending a bound volume for 1955 of New South. And so one is on its way with gratefulness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 13, 1956

Mr. York Willbern
Board of Public Administration
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Willbern:

We are delighted to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 13, 1956

Mr. J. Oscar Lee, Executive Director
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
Division of Christian Life and Work
National Council of the Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

I have the kind letter from you and Claud Nelson, and the enclosure. For the letter thanks, and for the enclosure praises, although...

Mighty difficult problem the authors faced, and they mighty near got through with it. But it needs a touch here and there. Problem is to avoid having it swat a man with the violence of its anti-Catholic stand. I know, that's painstakingly nowhere said, and there isn't a word of criticism, etc., etc.... My suggestion would be to substitute the word Christian for the word Protestant, after the first two or three uses of Protestant. Make your case, which is an honest case and the truth, but after you get the case established, no need to harp on it and jangle on it and beat on it.

Beautiful point that no one can educate youngsters within a patently crooked set-up. That one alone's worth the effort.

Small item. I doubt that the wide public knows what pluralism is. I happen to have a lot of pluralistic doctrine rattling around in my head, and I like it, but it sounds pretty distant from most USA doctrine. So why use the word. Everybody likes a "free" society, and that's kin to a pluralistic society, if you allow the plural groups to do their own responsible best, as we generally do.

This is excellent. And should issue. But we still have got to do something biggish, to unhook the moderate people of the South (who are church people) from the extreme right-wing leadership which for the moment is swinging mighty nearly everybody with them!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 13, 1956

Mr. Clarence L. Hughes, Office Manager
TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
Room 420
Jackson Building
Cherry and Seventh Streets
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hughes:

We are big boys with a fine toothed comb, but not so good with it that we catch budget changes as authorizations to go on up with the salary payments.

Next time send us word from the chairman that official action has been taken to up the way and on the basis of that formal notification, our machinery is likely to click. But faint little radiations 9 miles off don't start her working.

Here are the back checks and we are apologetic.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 13, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Our deal with all the states is that we pay salaries up to the SRC-contributed figure. Also, it is our deal that any state which cares to pay salaries at a rate higher than what we put up is perfectly welcome to do so. We think it is the proper responsibility of the state to make its own supplementary salary payments. We are perfectly willing, for convenience sake, to assume the lumping of the payments and to make them into a single check coming periodically from this office.

But in such a case, it clearly becomes the responsibility of the state organization to keep sufficient credit balance with this office. Where such a credit balance is not kept, it seems to me that we can only make the check for the sum which we ourselves put up. That complicates matters in withholding tax and so on. And more than likely the resulting clerical work will have to be unravelled and duplicated in a subsequent salary supplement payment. Still that seems to me the right way to do business.

So in reply to your letter of January 7, we will pay Mrs. Sarah Stewart from January 1 forward, at a rate of $2,500 per annum, and as soon as six months extra money (being $40.00) or twelve months extra money (being $80.00) has been put into our hands, we will make her check carry the supplement retroactively to January 1.

Identical arrangement for check for Harry S. Jones.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 13, 1956

Mr. Ben Oliphant
St. Paul Methodist Church
1901 Lexington Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Oliphant:

I appreciate your call. Will arrange all as you suggest.

Here comes a cut and some info.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls. (2)

January 13, 1956

Mrs. Ray Mitchell
3986 Club Drive, NW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:

The League of Women's Voters always come through!

How very kind it is of you to open your home to the Japanese visitors. The appointed time is 3:00 P.M. , Monday, January 30, at 3986 Club Drive.

The visitors are Japanese editors.

I'm told that their interests center about the newspaper world and welfare agencies, both public and private. They seem to take a special interest in schools, orphanages, hospitals and boys' clubs. And it's mentioned that they are intrigued with women in the American society and have expressed a desire to talk to club women.

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It is so kind of you to take them into your home-exactly where teaching and interchange of experience is best done.

The editors are named:

Toshimitsu Fukada
Takashi Suzuki
Shiro Shimada
Sostaka Hatanka

Their accompanying interpreter is Mr. Yamagami.

I will produce them on your doorstep at 3:00 PM ~~January~~ 30.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 13, 1956

Miss Edith E. Lowry, Executive Secretary
Division of Home Missions
National Council of the Churches of Christ
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Lowry:

All straight, and I'll be on hand for the Monday and Tuesday meetings, February 27 and 28. Ready to speak on assigned topic, but would like to know hour. And place of meetings - A.U., but where at A.U.?

As to the Sunday night, willing to be on tap, but ask not to be adduced unless needful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 13, 1956

Dean of Graduate School
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

International Relations

Dear sir:

I was asked the other day by my young friend, Mr. Victor Kotun, at Muhlenberg College, to write in support of his application for a graduate scholarship.

The young man wants to work for a master's degree in international relations.

I knew Victor Kotun three years ago during his freshman year at Morehouse, in Atlanta. A close friend of his named Nathaniel Olaku, of whom we all thought very highly indeed, had moved us all to arrange scholarship and financial aid for Kotun. Kotun was produced onto this side. Pleasant young man, studious and promising. I saw him three or four times during his freshman year. At the end of that year, he dropped out of Morehouse and various people interested in matters of African education got Kotun lodged at Muhlenberg College. He tells me he is doing well and is in all likelihood to receive a B.A. from Muhlenberg in June of this year. And then wants to go on to you.

Muhlenberg is a long way from Atlanta and I've not laid eyes on the young man in three years. I thought and still think he is good material. How he has shaped up, this deponent knoweth not. I'm in favor of putting the best education this country can offer onto these young fellows who come over from African countries. It's our best chance to convince the peoples of those countries of the wisdom of free institutions.

I daresay you have your own devices of finding out how the young man has been doing latterly. If well, I would support him strongly. If ill, I would sorrow.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 13, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Gump
Gump Investment Co.
Johnson City, Tenn.

Dear two people - plus bitsies:

You were mighty kind to me, and I enjoyed company and lunch and welcome.

The Mitchells are here for you to come to see, when you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 13, 1956

Mr. C. Anderson Davis, Pastor
John Stewart Methodist Church
P.O. Box 507
Bluefield, West Virginia

Dear Mr. David:

Safely home, though I slipped and slid considerably until I was nearly down to Abingdon. And there was snow in spots almost to Knoxville, whereafter the road was dry.

On recalculation, SRC benefitted as enclose from the check for $75.00, for which SRC, and GSM, are most grateful.

Had a grand time, and felt much encouraged to be in a place where at least it is clear that the law is on the side of people who behave. Ocean pearls need a dipping back once in a while. This is my ocean, but I like fresh water every now and then!

Please thank the Rowleys, and the Martins, and the Higgenbothams, and many other friends. Nobody ever got a kinder reception, especially when he took latitudes in making suggestions. But the town is on the right track, and with more work by leaders who must learn the real facts you will get through nicely. And I was grateful to you for being the "active principle."

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 16, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

The hotel desk clerk called just now and said he had received confirmation of reservations for you Thursday night at the Jefferson Davis Hotel in Montgomery and Friday and Saturday nights at the St. Charles in New Orleans.

See you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 16, 1956

Mrs. Elsie Whitman Rowland, Chairman
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
203 Woosley Building
Lake Charles, La.

Dear Mrs. Rowland:

We have your telegram in which you nominate Professor R. C. Reynaud, 1413 Mill Street, Lake Charles to serve on the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

As yet no meeting has been planned for the SRC Finance Committee. The SRC Meeting in New Orleans on January 20-21, 1956 includes only members of the Executive Committee of SRC. Probably some details will be worked out in reference to the Finance Committee and we will advise you and Professor Reynaud of the same. However since Professor Reynaud will be at Dillard University at the same time it may be possible for him to talk with Mr. Marion Wright and Dr. Mitchell in regard to this proposed committee.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant.

GSA:mf

cc: Mr. Fred Routh
Prof. R. C. Reynaud
Mr. Milton C. Vigo

January 16, 1956

Mr. R. D. Wellons, President
Pembroke College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wellons:

I thought the meeting we held up at Chapel Hill was well worthwhile and helped clarify the role of the North Carolina Council.

We have talked from time to time about adding new blood to the board of the North Carolina Council and we have heard good reports on several North Carolineans here in the Central Office. Three who would be valuable additions to your board are:-- Mrs. Mary (Mrs. Paul) Guthrie whose husband is in the Department of Economics at the University of North Carolina, Dr. Nicholas Demerath, University of North Carolina professor, and Charles Jones, the progressive minister in Chapel Hill.

These people are all deeply committed to the idea of integration and each has skill and knowledge in this field.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

cc: Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mr. Harry Jones

Same letter sent to: Miss Josephine Wilkins

Daily file

January 16, 1956

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville,
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write to you and state that the first session of the Executive Committee begins at 2:00 P.M. central standard time rather than 3:00 P.M. at Dillard University in New Orleans.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

January 16, 1956

Mrs. Lusius R. Eastman
121 Mamaroneck Road
Scarsdale, New York

Dear Mrs. Eastman:

You will be sorry to hear of Dr. Alexander's death which occured on January 13th. Last June our SRC fetched together the new state staff people from ten or a dozen Southern fledgling state organizations in the field of race relations at a church camp near Chapel Hill. For one afternoon the whole group of us sat on Dr. Alexander's front porch and got Dr. Will to tell us about his pioneering days in this field. He did it well and so handed on to this new group a link with what had been so faithfully done before.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Daily file

January 16, 1956

Dr. Albert W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Dent:

As of this date the following persons plan to attend the Executive Committee meeting at your institution on January 20-21, 1956:

1. Mr. Marion Wright	Time of arrival not definite
2. Mr. George S. Mitchell	11:30 a. m. Friday
3. Mr. J. M. Dabbs	8:00 a. m. Friday
4. Miss Josephine Wilkins	Not known
5. Mr. John A. Griffin	Some time Friday
6. Father Maurice V. Shean	Not known
7. Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander	11:00 a. m. Friday
8. Mr. Fred Routh	11:00 a. m. Friday
9. Mr. Harold Fleming	11:00 a. m. Friday

These persons have expressed a desire to be housed on the campus.

Dr. Mitchell wants the first session of the meeting to begin at 2:00 p. m. Friday afternoon rather than 3:00 p. m.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant.

GSA:mf

January 16, 1956

Mr. Milton Vigo, Executive Director
LOUISIANA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

All straight about the switching over to your meeting in Rosenwald Hall at Dillard University, Friday the 20th, at or shortly after 4:30.

Most kind of you to have it at Dillard.

Perhaps I told you I am to move over to the Methodist ladies at St. Mark's at 1:00 PM, where I believe I start with the map speech. Again I believe I'm on tap for the Methodist ladies at 7:00 PM. Then I'm on tap for a 10:15 Saturday night Coach Flap to Atlanta.

If baby sitters abound, you and you wife are most welcome for any part of the Methodist foregatherings that you can come to, but I don't urge you - I just say you are welcome. Personally I think Saturday and Sunday are made for recruitment of family life and not for flapping, mapping and spouting.

I arrive at New Orleans via plane at some unearthly hour Friday morning the 20th. Not really so unearthly. I think it's six-ish. Suppose I show on your office doorstep at 9:00 AM Friday the 20th. Then we can talk.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mr. Lorne Nelles, District Director
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO
95 Merritts Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Lorne:

Again I ask Dave McDonald and the Steelworkers for the help they have generously given in the past. And I offer you my services in any way they can be useful. Do put in a good word for us; I'm sure the check would never come without at least a good nod, and probably a good push, from you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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~~Mr. Lorne Ne~~lles

January 17, 1956

Mr. David J. McDonald, President
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

The Southern Regional Council again this year asks for the kind support of the Steelworkers, who have customarily found us the generous sum of a thousand dollars.

I send an audit for last year.

And for good measure, copies of the Quarterly Reports made in 1955 to our SRC Board of Directors.

We got staked by the Fund for the Republic to a modest amount for helping into being in twelve Southern states local statewide organisations that would grow into professional helpfulness in race relations. They are running now, pretty well. Alabama Council on Human Relations; Texas Commission on Race Relations , and so on; in all the Southern States except Oklahoma. Most of them have important labor people on their Boards, and all of them are cordially friendly to organized labor, and appreciative of the role of the unions in working out problems of a bi-racial and now industrial society.

The Council centrally has been used consistently in recent years to staff week-long labor institutes, both for the CIO and the AF of L, and I have myself taught your steelworkers, from Birmingham and Atlanta and from the Southwest, at various of these local schools. (And by the rank and file from this or that local I've been thought a bit too strong, but at the end of each week even the opposition has given me a good name!) Paul Christopher and your local at Alcoa have me coming up there the end of this month, for the regular meeting, to put my version of reasonableness in the current squabbles about school desegregation . Here the mercy is not that I can make the speech, but that the Steelworkers provide the occasion when for once compliance instead of defiance can be discussed!

While we have had generous help from the Fund for the Republic we have chosen to put blessed near all of it on the bringing-along of the State outfits, and this central office in Atlanta starves. Starves while we have the mountainous job of thinking and steering the effort of twelve younsters, engaged in hot controversies from Virginia to Texas. Which is the long way of saying that we are required to ask for a growing sum for the Atlanta office, the while we put more and more on to the States. So if Steel will help us again this year we will be deeply grateful. The truth is the show could not have kept going all these years without the help from you and your five or six other union bodies; and we couldn't for this year keep going without that help.

Glad you were here, and glad you opened a hall to the memory of Bill Crawford. Bill was a straight guy, and straight on this matter of race; straight and successful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

Encls.

Copy to Mr. Lorne Nelles
District Director
USA AFL-CIO
95 Merritts Avenue
Atlanta, Ga.

January 17, 1956

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Belatedly, but not less sincerely and earnestly, I transmit official news that the Board Meeting at Tuskegee in November elected the following set of officers for SRC:

Marion A. Wright	President
Paul D. Williams	Vice-President
Gordon B. Hancock	Vice-President
Albert W. Dent	Vice-President
Carter Wesley	Vice-President
Leonard Haas	Counsel

And the following Executive Committee:

Rufus E. Clement	Chairman
J.M. Dabbs	
Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie	
Paul Christopher	
John A. Griffin	
Harry V. Richardson	
Maurice V. Shean	
Miss Josephine Wilkins	
E.A. McDowell	
and above officers	

We all hope you will serve as Vice-President.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

This explains itself, though 'tis time-consuming. But rewarding. She's got a good notion. Nobody down here ever heard of any good reason why white and colored kids ought to be in school together, and these folks know the scientific reason why they should, and mostly we think science is good stuff, so maybe if she could get her stuff out people would begin to talk about a scientific reason for the kids being in the same school - which would be good.

Advise, please.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

~~Copy: John Hope~~

January 17, 1956

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Bradley
Community Relations
Child Study Association of America
132 74th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Bradley:

I've read your good letter, and with equal care the MS. attached. I sent them both on to John Hope II, at Fisk, for comment, for a particular and useful reason.

John Hope has come on to our staff, part time, for some months to come, to get started a program offering the services of consultants in social science to various consultant-needing groups in the South. Mostly our own State Organization Boards of Directors and their staffs, but later others, and occasionally some community in special need of advice on how to hook together two sets of schools. Hope had brought together, and converted to working together with us, ten or a dozen able social science people, scattered around at various universities in and near the South. Some white, mostly Negro. Theory is that some of the very keenest thinking in this field is done by Negro persons, and they are the very ones least likely to be remembered and called in by lethargic and tradition-ridden local groups in need of help. SRC can cut through many layers, and work out situations in which these men and women can get their brains responsibly into the job of getting rid of segregation. Prognosis for results, mighty fine.

Obviously that fits in with what you are doing. John might well figure some way to link up more than informally with your program.

I am thus writing to John Hope, and shall be guided largely by his advice in a full-length reply to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Child Study Association of America Family Guidance
132 East 74th Street, New York 21, New York

Mrs. Clarence K. Whitehill, President
Gunner Dybwad, J.D., Director

January 14, 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

You know, of course, that both the Fund for the Republic and the Field Foundation have for different reasons decided against supporting the Child Study Association's program. Because we are so determined to proceed, we have had several rather hopeful conversations with the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. Furthermore, we have completely rewritten the proposal and have had the expert advice of several rather important people in the field. Before sending it this time I would very much appreciate your reading it. If after doing so you felt you could write me a letter which you would be willing to have accompany the request when it goes to the Fund, it would make us very happy. The main point, of course, is that with conditions in the South what they are today it would be essential for us to know and for any foundation to know that your organization would still want to call upon our help in the special ways outlined in the plan.

I know you are a busy person but I would also, of course, appreciate any specific criticisms of the proposal as now outlined.

I am asking Galen Weaver and one or two other people who work in the South to indicate in letters how our services might be useful to their organizations.

You probably know that the Field Foundation asked the opinion of one or two Southerners about our earlier plan and that the comments were not particularly favorable. I, of course, do not know who these people were but because this happened it is extremely important that we this time are sure that we are not entertaining some fancy notions which would meet with mild or even negative reactions. You can see in reading the present proposal that we have leaned over backwards not to assume wholehearted support of other organizations. I think this is the modest and proper way to proceed, but we should not proceed at all unless you and others who are as close to the scene as you feel that

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what we hope to do will be of real significance. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I just received from Professor Valien of Fisk and whish encouraged me greatly. I would appreciate an early reply if that is at all possible for you and want to say again how very much I appreciate your friendly help during the last year.

Cordially yours,

(signed)
(Mrs.) Elizabeth G. Bradley
Community Relations

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January 17, 1956

Dr. Alfred McClung Lee
Professor and Chairman
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Brooklyn College
Bedford Avenue and Avenue H,
Brooklyn 10, New York

Dear Mr. Lee:

I'll send a copy of the review if the KA's print it.

Maybe your Department would subscribe to our maggie. Dope enclosed.

Come to see us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

January 17, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
ARKANSAS COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Sorry to notify you of the death of Dr. W.W. Alexander at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, January 13.

It was Dr. Alexander who carried the earliest and first burden of organized interracial work in the Southern States. He was the head staff man of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation from its beginning in 1919 until it was succeeded by the Southern Regional Council, in 1944.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Reverend Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
ALABAMA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
FLORIDA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm, Acting Executive Director
KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
4435 Blenheim Road
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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January 17, 1956

Mrs. M.J. Lyells, Executive Director
MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mr. Milton Vigo, Executive Director
LOUISIANA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Sorry to notify you of the death of Dr. W.W. Alexander, at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, January 13.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Executive Director
SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Sorry to notify you of the death of Dr. W.W. Alexander, at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, January 13.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mr. Clarence Hughes, Office Manager
TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
Room 420, Jackson Building
Cherry and Seventh Streets
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Clarence;

Sorry to notify you of the death of Dr. W.W. Alexander, at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, January 13.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Rev. John H. Marion, Executive Director
VIRGINIA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
100 E. Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, Executive Director
TEXAS COMMISSION ON RACE RELATIONS
309 West 21st Street
Austin Texas

Dear Tom:

Sorry to notify you of the death of Dr. W.W. Alexander, at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, January 13.

It was Dr. Alexander who carried the earliest and first burden of organized interracial work in the Southern States. He was the head staff man of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation from its beginning in 1919 until it was succeeded by the Southern Regional Council, in 1944.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
1631 K. St., NW
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

I think you ought to pour out a good rush of your energy and button up the business of a civil rights teacher for this summer. I got your letter of January 12 and thank you. Pat Knight is a nice girl, but I don't think the boys will take it from her, and I don't think she would do it anyway.

I want you to scare up somebody and lock him or her and have him or her ready.

My North Carolina man is only so-so. His name is Harry Jones and his office is at 121 East Third St., Room 209, Charlotte, N.C. His office phone number is FRanklin 6-6833. He used to work for NCCJ. I don't know how much he knows about unions, but he has got some good professional experience in this field, and he is inventive. Give him a try.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Miss Sophie Van S. Theis
The Doris Duke Foundation
41 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Theis:

We are endlessly grateful to the Doris Duke Foundation for its grant and check.

We think your help is doing somewhere near its full measure of good. But a promise to do some good with some money is not always rewarded with the money.

As the beginning of a thank you, I send you a copy of a recent Quarterly Report to the members of our Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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January 17, 1956

Mr. Dana S. Creel
Rockefeller Bros. Fund, Inc.
50 West 50th St.,
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Creel:

A matter I wish you would pass on to appropriate hands.

On last Saturday there died on his farm at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Dr. W.W. Alexander. He had been the beginner of interracial activities in the South and, as you will know, was in his later years Vice-President of the Rosenwald Fund. Last June, with a premonition that Dr. Alexander was not too long for this world, our Council gathered together near Chapel Hill the staff people employed by our new State organizations. And one afternoon we all sat on Dr. Alexander's porch for a couple hours and got him to talk about the 'twenties and 'thirties when work of our kind was new.

It was an occasion for which he chose carefully among his many recollections. And quite early in the afternoon he told us this tale:

> Early in the game (I would guess 1920-21) he applied to "Mr. Rockefeller" (Senior or Junior, I do not know) for $50,000 to help get interracial work going more strongly in the South. The application moved here and there within the Foundation's staff and finally at the meeting of the Board it was agreed that Dr. Alexander might have $25,000. He was grateful for that sum, though he needed the $50,000; and came home on the train appreciative, but sick at heart for the lack of the other $25,000 which he didn't know how to get together. In about three days he got a letter from Mr. Rockefeller saying in effect:

I have been thinking about our Board Meeting the other day. I do not think the Board gave you enough. Here is my personal check for $25,000, and I will send it to you every year hereafter as long as you need it.

That of course made possible persistence.

If some one of your principals may hear of this, I would think it fitting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mr. Milton Vigo, Executive Director
LOUISIANA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Here comes some more Louisiana business in March. The Methodists operate some sort of Board of Social and Economic Relations. Partly at their instance and immediately on the invitation of the Louisiana Methodist Conference, through one Ben R. Oliphint, of the St. Paul Methodist Church at Monroe, I am to talk and run a seminar on race relations at three successive Methodist workshops:

March 1	New Orleans	starts 3 PM
March 2	Baton Rouge	starts 3 PM
March 3	Shreveport	starts 10 AM ends 3:30 PM

That's a fairly full schedule and there's not a lot I can do interstitially. But I'm open for anything urgent.

I have written Father Marvin Bordelon at Alexandria and told him that they will be hauling me through Alexandria on Friday night and I would try my best to get in a half hour's quiet visit with him.

Also as the New Orleans meeting does not begin until 3:00 PM of March 1, I could readily be available to go calling or do anything you might wish with you in the earlier part of March 1.

And, of course, a man could stay over in Shreveport for Sunday, March 4, and do anything that had to be done there; though, as you know, on my principles, a man would be pawing the ground to go home.

Anyway, advance notice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mr. Ben Oliphint, Minister
St. Paul's Methodist Church
Lexington Avenue at Orell
Monroe, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Oliphint:

All straight about the schedule for March 1, 2 and 3.

I have a hard time fastening on a title. What would you say to this one:

"What's the right thing to do?"

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Dr. William G. Wright
National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are deeply grateful for the Church's check to the Council.

If your secretary will inquire about a bit as to persons there, who would like to receive our magazine, New South, each month, we would be happy to send it to two, three, or four choice persons as a giftie.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mr. Willis T. Spivey, Director
Community Service Foundation
125 Harbor Bluff Drive
Largo, Fla.

Dear Mr. Spivey:

That check for $100, so far from being little, holds an honored place in our treasured calendar of hoped-for sums. We are deeply grateful for it.

For a little glimpse of what we are doing these days, I'm sending a copy of a recent Quarterly Report to members of our Board.

Someday I will get to driving about in Florida and will give myself the luxury of a real visit when we can talk, dig and build.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mr. Marshall Bragdon, Executive Director
The Mayor's Friendly Relation's Committee
105 City Hall
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Marshall:

I should have known that you were busy and would handle that matter as soon as you could. I will tell you the truth: I got corrupted in my ten years in the Government and every now and then a bad habit of trying to be sure that this person or that is put in the right place overcomes me. I repress it but it pops out.

Very nice to have your more encouraging news.

Some day I'll tell you the whole Spitz story as far as I know it.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: GSA

January 17, 1956

Mrs. Myra J. Bryant
431 Twelfth Terrace, North
Birmingham 4, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Bryant:

We appreciate having you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mr. Alexander Sharp
National Missions Board
Presbyterian Church in the USA
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Sharp:

We are awful grateful.

For a little merci I send you a copy of a recent Quarterly Report to the members of our Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Mr. Bruce Maguire, Executive Secretary
National Student Council of the YMCA
291 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Maguire:

Many thanks for the check which puts SRC back in the black.

I had a good time and enjoyed the job, and the opportunity to get to know you.

I recall that this SRC, through the old Interracial Commission, grew out of the YMCA.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 17, 1956

Miss Elsie Wilson
Council of Social Agencies
Box 141
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Miss Wilson:

You were kind to us way back there on survey matters, and when a trip to the vicinity of Shreveport looms into view, I think of you and want to let you know. The Methodist Conference for Louisiana has me coming to Shreveport for a workshop on Social Studies and Action at Shreveport, from 10:00 AM til 3:30 PM, Saturday, March 3. I don't know in which church building in Shreveport it will meet. I will be in the custody of the Reverend Ben Oliphint, who is the Methodist man at Monroe - St. Paul's Church.

It's a Saturday and you are unlikely to be at your office and I don't know how much they will have me tied down, but at any rate I'll be hoping for an opportunity to come see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

From Pulse of the Public
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia
January 18, 1956

'Integration Argument Is Comical At Times'

The controversy of Georgia's official legal brains with the NAACP reminds me of an incident that occured years ago.

Hearing children's angry voices, I looked out of the window to see what was the trouble. On the sidewalk stood a small Negro boy with arms folded as another small boy heaped invectives upon him. When his friend paused for breath, conclusively he asked, "Is you fru? Den, all dese tings youse been calling me, you is."

Addie Stoker Mitchell, Rome

Copy: HCF

January 18, 1956

Miss Emily Clay
1020 Granada St.,
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Emily:

I am belated in relaying word of Dr. Will's death last Friday, early in the morning. I suppose that someone will have telephoned you and hope so. He had been ill about three weeks and they said his heart was just not able to move blood around. I understood the funeral was to be at the Congregational Church in Chapel Hill last Monday. The family asked that anyone wanting to remember him should send a giftie to Dillard University!

I have asked Charles Johnson to write something for New South about Dr. Will.

If you want to put together some paragraphs about Dr. Will and the heyday of the Interracial Commission, we would almost certainly want to print them. I think you ought to tuck away in the history some of what you know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Secretary

GSM:mef

January 18, 1956

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
934 Lee Street
Natchitochs, Louisiana

Dear Ocie Lee:

I didn't know the nice lady but I'm sure she was a nice lady if you praised her.

Dr. Will up and died January 13. Seventy-one. He had a couple of heart flops in the last few years and then he got sick and stayed sick three weeks and his heart quit pumping. They were supposed to bury him last Monday at the Congregational Church at Chapel Hill. The family said, "No flowers - send some dough to Dillard."

Mrs. Alexander's address would be New Hope Farm, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Stephen Stephan was a student of my Father's at Richmond College. His last name was Stepanian and Father argued him into shortening it, but the shortened version is the boy's own. He is a good guy, and what Father taught him shines out.

The Methodist Church has put its betterment eggs into a basket called the Board of Economic and Social Relations with a boss man in Chicago. The bossman and the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church between them have got up three Louisiana workshops on how people ought to behave. New Orleans in the afternoon of March 1; Baton Rouge in the afternoon of March 2; Shrev eport from 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM on March 3. They ask me to come down and manage each successive workshop and I'm acomin'. In Louisiana the program is bossed by a Methodist parson called Ben Oliphint, St. Mark's Church, Monroe.

Baton Rouge and Shreveport are both too far for you to get to. And I think it quite unlikely that they will allow me any time in the whisk from Baton Rouge to Shreveport to get to see you down in your Red River bottoms.

But if I do get thereabouts and have several minutes you may be sure I will stop. Maybe by some lucky chance you can be in Shreveport because it will be a Saturday. They haven't told me what Church the Shreveport meeting is to be at, and the Lord knows it will be in the non-Central jurisdiction. But anyhow there ought to be some chance for us to shake hands, eat lunch, and to talk.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 18, 1956

Mr. W.E. Solomon, Executive Secretary
Palmetto Education Association
1719 Taylor St.,
Columbia 1, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Solomon:

We are mighty glad to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 18, 1956

Mr. Edwin B. Henderson, President
Virginia State Conference
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Henderson:

I appreciate your letter, and I enjoyed the happy selectings.

I know you have had a busy time. Things are a bit grim just now, but the right cause will come to be appreciated.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: Mrs. Tilly

January 19, 1956

Rev. Moran C. Weston
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Weston:

By great good fortune I've found a stack of South African pamphlets and here are two for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

January 19, 1956

The prodigal son is home!

I promised the Atlanta office in this building of the National Council of Churches to buy some copies of "Race, What Does the Bible Say." I think we charged them 15¢ apiece. I went to see the gal in there to beg a precious one back. She had a great stack and sold me twenty. Please, ma'am, pay her 20 times 15 cents.

MEMO

January 19, 1956

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

I had to get Eastern to issue an altered ticket. They credited SRC back again with the entirety of this $44.88. I bought with credit card instead of this now cancelled one a mixed Delta-Eastern ticket that came out around $53.00

To home address - Air mail special
To office address - Air mail

January 19, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Eastern's flight 575 Atlanta to New Orleans arriving New Orleans 12:00 noon is pokey and punk. By good fortune, Eastern was persuaded to let me ride Delta's 911 which arrives New Orleans 10:47 this coming Saturday morning, January 21. I'm still leaving New Orleans on Eastern's Mighty-night at 10:15 PM, arriving in Atlanta 2:29 AM.

If you can conveniently meet me at 10:47 at Moisant or wherever 'tis I'll still be very grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 19, 1956

Mr. B. Tartt Bell, Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
Southeastern Regional Office
617 West Market St.,
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

It is certainly high time that the Churches exerted their leadership over moderate-minded people in the South. If they don't move soon the extremists in the White Citizens' Councils will have led us all to disaster.

I am in New Orleans January 20 and 21; in Atlanta for various local engagements from January 23 til 31. Early February is clear and I hope to get to Greensboro, Washington and further, and on my northward trip I will give you notice and stop.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 19, 1956

Mr. Ralph C. Price
611 Jefferson Standard Building
Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Mr. Price:

Sorry. We at this remove from Greensboro only knew there was a thoughtful Mr. Price there. And whoever was on the Nominating Committee gave in your father's name.

I hope later on I can make your acquaintance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 20, 1956

Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Marion:

Your letter of January 3 about Virginia prompted conference with Fred Routh, who is in consequence to go there about January 22 and get together the facts, for our benefit and for the benefit of other states.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: GSA

January 20, 1956

Mrs. E.M. Sparling
222 Thompson Building
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Sparling:

Quite all right. We will look to hear from you in due time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 20, 1956

Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

As yet it is rather early for us to be receiving any comments from your December article in New South. However I am enclosing a condensation of the article printed the Afro-American. Too bad they would not give SRC credit for it, but that's the way it goes.

We will be getting the Afro-American each week, and I will forward to you any letters which might appear concerning the article.

With best regards,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mef

Southern Re

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Sent to each State Director except Dr. Wells (no more left)

January 20, 1956

To each State Director:

Three years ago when this booklet came out we mailed a copy to a goodish number of Church leaders over the South. So far as I know each copy found its way to the waste paper basket or dead files.

Now the subject is, to say the least, timely.

By great good fortune a tiny stack was discovered in a neighboring office. Here is one for you.

I have only four left, but I have ordered some more from South Africa.

Sincerely,

George S Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Mrs.
~~Miss~~ Tilly

January 20, 1956

Mr. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Oscar:

Tucked away in someone else's office was discovered a stack of this precious South African pamphlet. I send you one quicko.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: Mrs. Tilly

January 20, 1956

Mr. A.C. Miller, Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North, Room 414
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

I'm pretty sure I would have sent you a copy of this some years back. Now it is particularly timely and luckily I found a tiny stack of copies.

It contains substance enough for many sermons.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: Mrs. Tilly

January 20, 1956

Rev. Malcolm Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
Division of Christian Relations
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

By good fortune a tiny stack of this pamphlet came to life. I'm sure I would have sent you one back yonder, but here is a copy because of its timeliness and useability.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: Mrs. Tilly

January 20, 1956

Mr. Ben Sissel
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Sissel:

By good fortune a tiny stack of this pamphlet came to life. I'm sure I would have sent you one back yonder, but here is a copy because of its timeliness and useability.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: Mrs. Tilly

January 20, 1956

Mr. D. Dudley Ward, Executive Secretary
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dudley:

This one has been hard to come by but we found a stacklet.

As the Chrevolet people say, "The hot one is even hotter."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: Mrs. Tilly

January 20, 1956

South African Institute of Race Relations
Box 97
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Whoever-it-is or Mr. Whyte:

When "Race - What Does the Bible Say?" came out we ordered a couple of batches through you and then we forehandedly sent them around to all Bishops whatsoever. Most Bishops must have dropped them into their wpb's or the dead files because there is a great dearth in the South today of the information contained in this booklet.

Here is a check for fifty more copies at 15 cents apiece. Do please send as many up to that number as you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl/

Daily file

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AT
OFFICES OF SRC
ATLANTA, GA.

January 20-21, 1956

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General Policy

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Room 108 Church Bldg

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January 23, 1956

Anti-Defamation League
Kemper Building
41 Exchange Place
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Please send us a copy of each of the following:

Current Problems In Human Relations Education

Trends In Human Relations Research

A check for $1.40 is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

January 23, 1956

Mrs. Ruby B. Allen
Napier High School
Hazard, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Allen:

I am sending you the October 1954 issue of the Journal of Educational Sociology, Answer for Action, and the January 1956 New South to assist you in your general study of integration in our public schools. Please send us Forty (40¢) Cents in coin or stamps to cover the cost of the last two items. A bibliography prepared in our office is also enclosed.

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Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

Jan 23, 1956 (?)

Mrs. Harold P. Morris
Maysville High School
Maysville, Kentucky

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Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

January 23, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Secretary
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 209, 121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for your recent letter indicating the number of advisory committees to school boards that you know to exist in North Carolina. We also noted the communities named in the last issue of Southern School News, and we have additional information on several communities which Southern School News did not include. Most of our information was gathered from newspaper clips over a period of time.

We are desirous of learning the specific locations of the study groups throughout the state, and wonder if public announcements on the establishment of these committees have not been made in the local papers in each community. If this is true, could not your office's itemization of individual groups be considered a means for facilitating our compilation, rather than the release of confidential information? Please advise me of your thinking on this matter. We have no present need for the names of the superintendents, and would not indicate their offices or your office as sources of information if you believe this to be unwise.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

January 23, 1956

Miss Esther C. Stamats, Director
Christian Social Relations
National Council of the Churches of Christ in U.S.A.
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

Your letter to Dr. Mitchell concerning Pro-Segregation groups has been referred to me.

Unfortunately, we do not have much material on these groups, and that we do have is usually only one copy of each publication. I am sending you two pamphlets under separate cover distributed by the Citizens' Councils. Also, I am enclosing the names of the Pro-Segregation groups and the addresses of those that we have. Perhaps you may be able to get someone to write to these groups for material. They seem quite anxious to distribute their material.

The biggest of the groups "The White Citizens' Council of Mississippi" gets out a monthly publication in the form of a newspaper. This is published at 605 Plaza Building, Jackson, Mississippi, and is a particularly scurrilous publication. Again, we have only one copy of each of the monthly issues.

Also, I am sending you four copies of "Answers For Action" containing the requested maps. Cost of these copies is Eighty (80¢) Cents in coin or stamps.

If I can be of any additional help, please write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC/ys
Enclosure

January 23, 1956

Helen Fuller, Managing Editor
The New Republic
1826 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Fuller:

Enclosed is the promised article on racial violence in Mississippi.

Hope you can use it; and if there is any question, please feel free to write me.

Would you be interested in similar articles from time to time?

Sincerely,

John Constable, Managing Editor
New South

Encl.

January 24, 1956

Miss Helen Amerman, Research Associate
Commission on Race and Housing
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Helen :

Here are the pamphlets and a tiny bill.

The Southern Regional Council does not have a mailing list and we will have to ask your Commission to subscribe to New South which will cost them two dollars a year. That will give you a copy of everything we print in the next twelve months.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 24, 1956

Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
P.O. Box 6056
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hancock:

I sent your kind letter around to Members of the Board; I see that one or two are already writing in to you. Good Mrs. Crate at Houston particularly wishes her regards sent to you.

The Executive Committee of the Council met last weekend and by formal resolution expressed their warmest hopes for your early and full recovery. They all yearn for the day when you will be back in your place at Committee and Board meetings.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 23, 1956

Miss Carol Smith
Box 438
Mercer University
Macon, Georgia

Dear Miss Smith:

Probably some of the material being distributed for Brotherhood Week would be of use in your observation of Religious Focus Week. A set of packets designed especially for Brotherhood Week, and entitled "Brotherhood Under God", is available from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York.

I am sending you a booklet, "The Churches Speak" and our publications list. We will act promptly in filling an order for any of these publications so that you may have them for your observance of Religious Focus Week.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Mr. P.F. Ayer, Executive Secretary
Council of the Southern Mountains, Inc.
College Box 2000
Berea, Kentucky

January 24, 1956

O.K. Fetch Menefee. SRC will float up to $40.00 of Menefee's travel expense. Routh coming. Mitchell can not. You pull Menefee.

George S. Mitchell

January 24, 1956

Mr. P.F. Ayer, Executive Secretary
Council of the Southern Mountains, Inc.
College Box 2000
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Ayer:

Here is the wire I sent you today. Here is a blue travel blank for Menefee's expense. We are good for it up to $40.00 as said. By "you pull," I meant you to communicate with Menefee and get him to your meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

January 24, 1956

Mr. William H. Perry, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Directors
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Perry:

Materials to assist you in your panel participation are being sent under separate cover. I wish to suggest that you also refer to the November 1955 issue of Educational Leadership which is concerned entirely with the topic "Integrating Minority Groups into the Public Schools." Our office sent a copy of this publication to the Kentucky Council on Human Relations in late 1955.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

January 24, 1956

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st St.,
Austin Texas

Dear Tom:

We all thought your article a honey.

Mrs. Crate said you are going to turn into a something else - we don't know what. We have benefitted from having your hard work for the Texas show. And whatever else you turn into - count us part of your friendly following.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

Copies: Fred Routh
Mrs. Crate

January 24, 1956

Mrs. Jas. S. Crate, President
Texas Commission on Race Relations
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

I don't know what Tom Sutherland will be doing but I think it is probably wise for you to get somebody else.

I think Dr. Hancock will re-emerge into the world.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 24, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Sorry I had to be off in New Orleans on the Saturday you were here.

Much gratitude among the Mitchells for grapefruits and oranges, which we've had for breakfast since they came; and some left!

New Orleans trip all right; nothing eventful.

I am all admiration of the way you do your difficult job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 24, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third St.,
Room 209
Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Harry:

Here's what I write. Not so hot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Dr. Will had so much amusement in the life he led that we are apt to forget how difficult it was.

His people were settled in the Missouri Ozarks, and had come from North Carolina and Tennessee stock. They sent the boy back to Vanderbilt, to make a Methodist minister of him. He took his degree in theology, and had a church near Nashville for a couple of years. Then the first World War came along, and the young man found a place of usefulness in the Y.M.C.A., working largely with Negro troops. After the war was over he was sent into the Mississippi Delta, to help the sale of Victory Bonds. There he found small local interracial committees, set up the Treasury, to help along the sales. He put that in his head, and went over to Oklahoma to settle the first of the 1919 race riots. There he learned that it was important for Negro people to have access to the organs of general opinion. He spent the next thirty years putting those two ideas together, across the South: local interracial committees, and a chance for Negroes to have their say.

It took a lot of money-raising to keep the groups going. And not everywhere did the local committees do all that he hoped. But they considerably improved the situation within segregation, and they prepared the way for a mutual respect that foreshadowed the end of segregation. And Dr. Will had his moments of very considerable danger, when detectives had to be engaged to surround his house for many nights in a row.

After 1933 on to years of getting decent opportunities for small farmers, and as Vice-President of the Rosenwald Fund, to a place of leadership in the whole unfolding movement for racial equality.

For his turn of wit at the end: Four or five years ago some professor got a Foundation grant to record the words of eighty living great Americans. He set up his machine on Dr. Will's front porch, and recorded for a week and then sent the reels to a stenographer in Brooklyn to be transcribed! Poor Dr. Will said it would take him five years to unravel what she typed out. I doubt if he had finished when he died. But his life is largely down on paper, one way and another, and some day we will have the whole rich story. Meanwhile, he's ours, to tell about, and learn from.

January 24, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tardy Executive Directors and other Reluctant Dragons

FROM: Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director

SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative Reports

The hands of the clock indicate the hour is late. The page on my desk calendar reads Tuesday, January 24. Thus far, the central office has not received the monthly narrative report from your state for December.

Should we start an investigation of the U. S. Post Office, send out a tracer for lost letters, or simply request that you now proceed to make this report and send it to us?

It would be most helpful if Monthly Narrative Reports were received in this office by the 10th of the month following the period upon which the report is based.

There is the story of 300 ants standing on a golf driving range right beside a teed ball. An amateur golfer swung at the ball, missed, and killed 150 ants, tried again, missed and killed 148 more. The two remaining ants looked at each other, wiggled their antennas and one said, "If we want to survive, we better get on the ball."

BEST REGARDS.

January 24, 1956

Mr. Clarence E. Pickett, President
Philadelphia Fellowship Commission
260 South 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Clarence:

I'm much honored to be asked to receive the award and be part of the dinner (and let us hope of the luncheon) on April 4.

Whether I can bring Mrs. Mitchell will be problematical but I will try.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 24, 1956

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

We have just received in this office an AFSC release "Freedom of Conscience Program gets Director".

I am enclosing a list of our state officers. Would you please mail each of them a copy of this release. Best regards to you and Ann Queen.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

Enc.

January 25, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

I promised you the full staff memos on continuance after 1957.

These are the main copies, so please get them back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copies of memos of RHA
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GSA
HCF
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January 25, 1956

Mr. John McCudden, Associate Editor
TODAY
1700 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago 12, Illinois

Dear Mr. McCudden:

Please forgive this delay in answering your inquiry about pictures to illustrate an article on race relations in the South. We have none ourselves, but I have been exploring possible sources. The Managing Editor of the Atlanta Daily World is canvassing their supply of photographs and promises to have a selection ready by tomorrow. I will pick out the best of these and air mail them to you. I hope this service doesn't come too late to meet your needs.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 25, 1956

Mr. E. Gordon Alderfer, Executive Assistant
The American Academy of Political and
Social Science
3937 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Mr. Alderfer:

Our staff has just emerged from an extended series of conferences, and this is the first opportunity I have had to reply to your letter of January 17.

We should be happy to cooperate in publicizing the forthcoming issue of THE ANNALS. As it happens, the Southern Regional Council has a binding policy that names and addresses on our mailing lists may not leave the office. However, we would be glad to enclose descriptive material in the mailing of our monthly publication New South; no additional postage would be required if the mailing piece would not exceed one ounce. Alternatively we could address and mail the material separately in this office at cost.

I hope we can work out an arrangement within the limits of our policy to further the distribution of your March issue and will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 26, 1956

Mrs. Harry Gershon
1590 Harvard Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Reb:

All straight about the 12:00 appearance at YWCA for your friends, Wednesday February 1.

Addition to the party: I will have on my hands thenabouts four Japanese newspaper editors by name:

Mr. Toshimitsu FUKADA
Mr. Takashi SUZUKI
Mr. Shiro SHIMADA
Mr. Seekata HATANKA

Interpreter: Mr. Yoshitada YAMASAMI

State Department and Governmental Affairs Institute shoos them around.

May I bring them along to save doing the map for them?

Unless you call me up and say, "Whooo-eee, no sir!", I will tote them out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 26, 1956

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I have written to Walter Reuther as President of UAW asking him for the one thousand dollars again in 1956. And I sent copies of the letter to the Atlanta UAW man and to Paul Sifton in Washington.

Still I have noticed that the one thousand dollars doesn't come through until you have concerned yourself about it. So we hope you will exert your fresh and lasting kindness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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January 25, 1956

Mr. Jack Kobayashi
Box 979
Emory University,
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Kobayashi:

You didn't answer my letter of December 19!

These nice people are about to come!

Please call me up!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copies: Mr. John Bateman
UAW, AFL-CIO
95 Merritts Ave.,
Atlanta, Georgia

January 26, 1956

Mr. Walter Reuther, President
United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

The Southern Regional Council asks the United Auto Workers to be good enough to grant a thousand dollars to the Southern Regional Council in 1956.

The United Auto Workers has been one of our real props in past years and we are in need of the Union's help again.

The Council has launched mainly with help from The Fund for the Republic twelve new State organizations in the field of human relations. They are trying to spread in the South the whole modern technique which your people in the Fair Practices and Anto-Discrimination section understand. The twelve new offices are going to our general satisfaction. Nearly all of them give strong representation on their Boards of Directors to the labor movement. And all of them know that we and the unions are friends.

I had occasion to write to Mr. Meany not long since and told him of a workers education meeting last summer in Arkansas. Hard-bitten Acadian from southern Louisiana at evening off-the-record discussion of segregation in the schools. Saw the light and said, "I got it. The same b _ _ _'s that put over these right-to-work laws on us are the ones that say the colored can't come to our schools!" I told Mr. Meany that we agreed but that we had to watch our language.

Although we get that good chunk of help from The Fund for the Republic they require that this central office in Atlanta get together from other sources an amount that frightens us. We are like a plant in fruit with a withering stem. Please, if UAW will revive us, we will be extremely grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

P.S. I enclose an audit for 1955 and copies of our more recent publications.

January 26, 1956

Mr. John Bateman
United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO
95 Merritts Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bateman:

Our Council is undoubtedly an unfamiliar matter to Mr. Reuther but you have ways of making us familiar to him; and we would be most grateful if you would use them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

January 26, 1956

Miss Anna Lord Strauss
27 East 69th Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Strauss:

Last Saturday I was at a meeting of the women of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church, at St. Mark's Church, in New Orleans. Perhaps 75 ladies, mostly white but some sprinkling of Negro ladies. For a split-off sub-committee they made me the talk-teaser. Turned out to be on the subject of the constitutional right of people to say what they pleased.

We stumbled around for a while, trying to find justification in the Bible and in religious principle, the conversation always veering toward the pressing issue of race and the Citizens' Councils. Then there spoke up one of your ladies, who was also a Methodist lady. She said there were little meetings occuring all over New Orleans, of people interested in something called Freedom Agenda. These were not well-to-do people; they were everyday people, and they lived in Gretna and other back places as well as in the city proper. They were finding the strength and the importance of constitutional guarantees. They had to work hard, she said, and read a lot, but they were learning, and it was mighty good to understand.

Just thought you would like to know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 26, 1956

Mr. R.L. Cousins
State Education Department
Education Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cousins:

I forward separately some account of the recent honor done your brother.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 26, 1956

House Agriculture Committee
New House Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate a copy of the report of the FAMILY FARM SUBCOMMITTEE when available.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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January 26, 1956

The Rt. Rev. William H. Marmion
Box 744
Staunton, Virginia

My dear Bishop Marmion:

We were greatly cheered by your Pastoral letter on the matter of the schools. What is most needed is the voice of Christians in this present impasse.

Appreciatively and respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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The United Auto Workers has been one of our real props in past years and we are in need of the Union's help again.

The Council has launched mainly with help from the Fund for the Republic twelve new State organizations in the field of human relations. They are trying to spread in the South the whole modern technique which your people in the Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination section understand. The twelve new offices are going to our general satisfaction. Nearly all of them give strong representation on their Boards of Directors to the labor movement. And all of them know that we and the unions are friends.

I had occasionto write to Mr. Meany not long since and told him of a workers education meeting last summer in Arkansas. Hard-bitten Acadian from southern Louisiana at evening off-the-record discussion of segregation in the schools. Saw the light and said, "I got it. The same —— —— ——'s that put over these right-towwork laws on us are the ones that say the colored can't come to our schools." I told Mr. Meany that we agreed but that we had to watch our language.

Although we get that good chunk of help from The Fund for the Republic they require that this central office in Atlanta get together from other sources an amount that frightens us. We are like a plant in fruit with a withering stem. Please, if UAW will revive us, we will be extremely grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

P.S. I enclose an audit for 1955 and copies of our more recent publications.

Copy: Fred Routh

January 26, 1956

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm, Acting Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
4435 Blenheim Road
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

We are grateful for the whole lot you have done and wish you the very best at Chapel Hill and hope soon to see you there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 26, 1956

Dear Fred:

You are responsible for making something happen in Kentucky.

GSM

January 26, 1956

Miss Edith E. Lowry, Executive Secretary
Division of Home Missions
National Council of the Churches of Christ
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Lowry:

I had been hoping that I could stay home that one Sunday night of February 26, but if I have to go and make a speech I will.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 26, 1956

Mr. John McCudden, Associate Editor
TODAY
1700 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago 12, Illinois

Dear Mr. McCudden:

Here are three pictures of the positive angle in race relations in the South. We have not been able to secure pictures on the negative side as of now but will air mail you two from this angle tomorrow.

Please return these pictures after they have served your purpose.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Information Service.

JC:mf

Enc.

January 26, 1956

Mr. Mozell Hill
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mozell:

This reminds you of your kind promise to seek out at luncheon at the Atlanta University dorm on Tuesday, January 31, the visiting Japanese gentlemen your Mr. Lucius Pitts will have in his care.

Their names are:

Mr. Toshimitsu Fukada
Mr. Takashi Suzuki
Mr. Shiro Shimada
Mr. Seetaka Hatanka

The name of their interpreter is Mr. Yoshitada Yamasami.

The first four are newspaper editors. They are in this country at the instance of the State Department and in the care of Governmental Affairs Institute.

I had hoped that at the least you would take them on some little tour of AU; and at the most advantage them by some causerie.

If you can tell me what your plans will be, I will undertake to be anywhere, anywhen you say to take them off your hands and back to their hotel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

January 26, 1956

Mr. George C. Seward
Oglethorpe University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Seward:

This is to remind you of your kind willingness to be host at Oglethorpe, Monday, January 30, to four Japanese newspaper editors and their interpreter.

The editors are named:

Mr. Toshimitsu FUKADA
Mr. Takashi SUZUKI
Mr. Shiro SHIMADA
Mr. Seekata HATANKA
Interpreter: Mr. Yoshitada YAMASAMI

They are in this country at the instance of the U nited States State Department and under the guidance of Governmental Affairs Institute.

You are to give them some opportunity to become acquainted with Oglethorpe and Oglethorpe students during the forenoon and you would provide luncheon for them at Oglethorpe. And I collect them from you at Oglethorpe at 1:15 P.M., Monday, January 30.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

January 26, 1956

Mr. David Silberman, Jr., Vice President
The Sigmund Silberman Foundation
1117 West 35th Street
Chicago 9, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

We warmly hope the Sigmund Silberman Foundation will help the Southern Regional Council again in 1956.

We have made excellent headway with the twelve State organizations from Virginia through Texas. Paid staff, white and Negro. Each state office is a meeting place for many good efforts and a coordinating place for more. Our cause would seem from the headlines to be a bit on the unpopular side just now in the South - but in the long run religion and law and order will triumph.

No special plan for a Chicago trip in the near future, but I'm always hopeful.

Here is an aduit and the more recent issues of New South. I put in also as a news item the last Quarterly Report to our Board of Directors.

With warmest regards to Mrs. Silberman and yourself.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls.

January 26, 1956

Mr. David Dubinsky, President
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

Our Council appeals for ILGWU's kind assistance again in 1956. Quite true that we in the last year or so have had generous help from The Fund for the Republic. But we pour nearly all of it into starting up twelve new State-wide agencies in human relations, one in each of the twelve Southern states. And as we float them we starve ourselves here in the Central Office in Atlanta. Also the Fund for the Republic requires of us a frightening task of fitting together sums not The Fund for the Republic's.

ILGWU has sent us five hundred dollars a year in these last few years, and we do gratefully hope that you will stand behind us again in this way. I, myself, and the President of the Council have been useful to Art Elder; and all over the South we work for a climate in which there will be sunny spots for ILGWU.

I send an audit for last year and for anybody's look-through the last several issues of our magazine, New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls.

January 26, 1956

Miss Elizabeth Stein
1008 East Monroe Street
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

I'm still remembering with pleasure all the incidents of my visit last year to Bloomington. I had a very nice time indeed and am abidingly grateful to you for letting me meet so many of your friends.

As to Mr. Prasad: He duly came and we got along very well. I had had at my home a couple of years back a predecessor of Prasad, in the kind of job Prasad does. The predecessor has since defaulted and Mr. Prasad was all smiles in his own integrity. He spoke most warmly of Bloomington and of you. And he was no great drain on the hot water tank and methinks snoozed til 7:30 each morning!

We are being useful we are sure. I do not say we are getting popular! I do say we will in 1956 particularly need Miss Elizabeth Stein's friendship.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

P.S. Why shouldn't you come to see us in 1956? It seems to me there ought to be some good reason for you to come in this direction.

P.P.S. An audit is enclosed.

MEMO

Jan. 27, 1956

TO: John Constable

FROM: Dr. Mitchell

RE: Japanese editors

Could you take the Japanese gentlemen to see the Legislature Wednesday, February 1?

Pick them up at 10:00 at the Atlantan Hotel. Taxicab to Legislature. SRC will pay the taxi fare. Herd through State House. At 11:55 deliver to YWCA, Edgewood and Ivy. The YWCA occasion will be in the custody of Mrs. Rebecca Gershon.

January 27, 1956

Mr. Al Payne
Southern Area Council
YMCA
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Al:

I have been puzzled by the queer silence out of Mississippi; and still do think Kershaw ought to go.

Let's get together when you get back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 27, 1956

Mr. Edward M. Kahn, Executive Director
Atlanta Jewish Community Council
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ed:

I do greatly appreciate the Harvard clipping which otherwise we would not have seen.

We are considering a libel suit against the original utterers of this trash and will be helped by the Harvard item.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 27, 1956

Mr. A.C. Miller, Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

We received one copy of a paper called "White Citizens' Councils" published monthly by the outfit at Winona, Mississippi, which I have ticked on Page 2 of the enclosed list of pro-segregation groups we have seen mentioned in print.

I suppose they would be glad to send you their publication if you wrote them.

Delighted with the conduct of Tennessee, including its Governor.

Do come to see us and the next time I can be hear Nashville at all I will come to see you.

Here is a talk I did a month or so ago. Has got most of what I can think up in it. Though there is much more to say. I will hope for a chance to talk with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

January 27, 1956

Miss Bernice Taylor, Executive Director
Young Women's Christian Association
140 E. Hanover Street
Trenton 8, New Jersey

Dear Miss Taylor:

I would like to come, but my Council just doesn't have the travel money to send me around.

If you can find $60.00 toward the travel expenses I will come up for almost any date convenient to you in March, April, or May.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 27, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
1631 "K" Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

I'm driving North pretty soon and expect to be in Washington Monday, February 6, and will hope to catch you up there.

What does your calendar say?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 27, 1956

Mr. John D. Connors, Director of Education
AFL-CIO
1625 "I" Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Connors:

Good fortune had already furnished me with a copy of Volume 1, Number 1 of AFL-CIO Education News and Views; but I hasten to write on my best union letterhead and ask to be kept on the list to get the maggie.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

P.S. I am coming to Washington about Monday, February 6 and will hope to catch you or some of the others in.

January 27, 1956

Mr. Harry Golden, Editor
The Carolina Israelite
P.O. Box 2505
1229 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Golden:

We appreciate you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 27, 1956

Mr. Lewis S.C. Smythe
The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Lewis:

1. Yes.

2. Debatable.

3. For one thing insist that if Mississippi and other Southern states will nullify United States law, U.S. will nullify Southern appropriations. Generally speaking, it seems to me that the sharp-fanged beast that is race prejudice, which beast generally sleeps, is waking up. I have never thought it valuable to dance in front of the beast and make faces at him and say, "You ole thing, you're asleep, ain't you? Bet I can wake you up."

But I'm a queer bird.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 27, 1956

Mr. Robert L. Kirkpatrick
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Here is the schedule outlined for the visiting Japanese editors.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

~~Mr. Robert L. Kirkpatrick~~

Daily File

Tuesday, January 31.

George Mitchell will meet group at 9:50 AM at the Atlantan Hotel and take them for a 10:30 engagement with the Secretary of the Georgia Teachers and Educators Association, Mr. Lucius Pitts, 201 Ashby Street, N.W.

This is the association of the Negro school teachers of Georgia. The morning with Mr. Pitts should afford opportunity for the visitors to get an understanding of the operation of a segregated society.

At mid-day the group will be taken to the Faculty Club at Atlanta University, the principal Negro educational institution in Atlanta. After lunch they are to be given various opportunities to confer with Negro educators at Atlanta University and later in the afternoon they will be brought back to the Atlantan Hotel.

Wednesday, February 1

Mr. John Constable of the Southern Regional Council staff will pick up group at 10:00 AM at the Atlantan Hotel and will carry them over to the building in which will be meeting the Georgia Legislature. They can be in the gallery and observe the workings of this State body alleged to be deliberative.

At 12:00 noon, they will return with Mr. Constable to the YWCA building at the corner of Ivy and Edgewood, where they are invited to be the guests of a current events club for which club George Mitchell will give a talk outlining the history, geography and problems of the South.

No arrangements have been made for the remainder of the afternoon before time for the plane at 5:00 PM.

Southern Regional Council's address is 63 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta
Phone numbers are WAlnut 7963 and WA 1821.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Yoshitada Yamasami

FROM: Mr. George Mitchell

Here are the arrangements made for the group:

Sunday, January 29

The group will deposit their bags at the Atlantan Hotel where they will be met by George Mitchell at approximately 7:00 P.M. and taken to Mitchell's home for supper. Mitchell's home address is 906 Lullwater Road, N.E. Telephone number - DEarborn 9561.

Monday, January 30

At 9:50 A.M. Dr. Mitchell with his car will collect the group at the Atlantan Hotel and drive them to Oglethorpe University where they are to arrive by 10:30. This is a private white co-educational college in the suburbs of Atlanta. A rather advanced curriculum with a notable personality as President-Emeritus, Philip Weltner.

The group will be entertained by Mr. Seward, President. He will have arranged a classroom appearance and discussion with students. Also luncheon at Oglethorpe. At 1:15 PM Dr. Mitchell will appear at Oglethorpe and will collect the group in his car.

At 3:00 PM the whole group is to go to 3986 Club Drive where at the invitation of an active citizeness, Mrs. Ray Mitchell (no kin to me), they will have a chance to discuss the work of the League of Women Voters of Georgia. Other ladies active in the League of Women Voters will be present. This will be Mrs. Mitchell's home and the situation should be pleasantly informal.

At the conclusion of the little reception, Dr. Mitchell will retrieve group and take them back to the Atlantan Hotel.

January 27, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Loescher:

As you may remember, the Executive Committee wanted you to have copies of the papers prepared by Fred and me on the bright and dark aspects of the Southern situation. We both draw some implications for SRC.

Both assessments were prepared in some haste and should be treated as rough and tentative, for use in the family. We are under instructions to revise, polish, and tighten for some early issue of New South.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Copies: Ruth Alexander
Harold Fleming

January 27, 1956

Mr. Joe Bowen
Box 501
Villa Rica, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bowen:

I have talked your situation around with various members of our staff. At the moment we can't find or see just what you could be doing for us. But if you will come back to see us early this summer, or later in the summer, it is possible that by that time we may be able to find something regular, but part-time, that you could consider.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 27, 1956

Mr. P. F. Ayer, Executive Secretary
The Council of Southern Mountains
College Box 2000
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Ayer:

As Dr. Mitchell has written you I will be coming up for your meeting to participate on a panel the morning of February the 10th. I wish it were possible for me to be with you for the entire three days but I must be in Alabama for an Annual Meeting of our state affiliate on the 11th. I look forward to participating on the panel with Dr. Colston, Dr. Herman Long, Bertis Capehart, Wilson Lindsey, and Miss Poole.

With best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

January 28, 1956

Mrs. David Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jones:

We are as sorry as we can be that Dr. Jones is gone.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 28, 1956

Mr. Emory F. Via
1221 E. 58th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Emory:

A hasty note to let you know that both George Mitchell and Josephine Wilkins give their approval for the use of the proposed exeerpts from the Kytle-Mackay report.

Your citation is approved with the addition of the phrase "... auspices of a Committee of Georgia Citizens, Atlanta."

Note the correct spelling of Blanton Fortson.

In ~~an~~ the interview with Ira Butt, George suggests that you use a blank in place of the key word of the epithet beginning "Lyin'"

The postcard duly signed will be mailed to you Monday.

Congratulations on ~~lining~~ winding up the job and best regards to you and Margaret.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mef

Copy: Fred Routh

P.S. Memo #1 – 4/10/54 – pages 5 + 6 –
is pretty good on this subject.

January 30, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I have made a few suggested changes in the procedural steps memo. Make it the way you want it. Negro people are leery of advisory committees. You can well understand why. So, Citizens' Committee.

On the political thing you have to remember that tax exempt money is for educational and specifically not for propagandist or political purposes. Under that role we can be for or against principles but must not be as an organization for or against any particular proposal or candidate for elective office. Our lawyers told us informally that when a proposal in specifically stated terms for an amendment to the Constitution is to be voted upon by the people, it is a kind of direct legislation, and we can not be for or against it specifically. I think that even when an amendment is a bruiting (though not when it is actually before the people).

What I'm saying is that as long as someone is just talking about having a constitutional amendment you can oppose the idea but as soon as the idea becomes embodied in specific language ground out by a legislature or convention and to be put before the voters, tax exempt bodies ought to cease agitation against or for.

If you look at the terms which accompany your 1956 income tax blank you will be appalled by the heavy-handedness of the Treasury's dislike of propagandist use of tax exempt money.

The idea about down grading does come up and we have no answer. Do get Cothran to write up something for you and mimeograph it or print it, and send it to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Executive Director

GSM:maf

January 30, 1956

Mr. John Broome, President
United Steelworkers, AFL-CIO, Local 309
P.O. Box 268
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Broome:

Alice and I had a pleasant afternoon and evening together. We enjoyed the grand dinner and the union meeting and the kind attention received from the crowd. Mine is a topic not too popular but understanding of it will grow. And I was much encouraged by the genuine interest of many of the audience.

Nobody does more good in this world than the big industrial unions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

January 30, 1956

Mrs. C.F. Goldthwaite
United Church Women of Louisiana
6101 Louisville St.,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Goldthwaite:

Your generous check practically made the SRC whole for the trip down and back. And the Council was performing its function when it had me up spouting. I am grateful for your kind words; the map speech has been a lot of fun and I hope it occasionally does some good.

In any case, I delight to reach your ladies who intend to do what is right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

January 30, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Dilworth Lupton
1518 North Abingdon Street
Arlington 7, Virginia

Dear The Luptons:

Very nice to hear from you. I go back through the Hills, as you know, to Mr. Pratt and a long time ago in the Richmond Unitarian Church. And we all praise the Canfields here. I hang by the skin of my teeth to being some form of Trinitarian.

This office abounds in just such books as will be helpful and I send you some as a present. They are sent to us foundationally in order that we may get them to people who will read them.

The best writing on race matters these days is coming from the pen of J.M. Dabbs in Presbyterian Outlook (its address in Richmond: 1 North 6th Street, Richmond 19, Virginia). Dabbs is a sometime professor of English at Coker who unexpectedly inherited a plantation and quit professing and began raising lettuce. Devout Presby, and the professing urge comes out in this form. One of those mountain peaks of character which occasionally sticks up in South Carolina (and used to stick up in Virginia!)

I did a little article recently for a Catholic publication on how non-Southerners should behave in these latitudes. A copy herewith.

I will be spending this coming Sunday night, February 5, at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C. - on my way North. If we have cause to converse by phone or otherwise, leave a phone note at the Club.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

January 30, 1956

The William Byrd Hotel
Richmond,
Virginia

Gentlemen:

Please make reservation for me for February 22. I am attending the meeting of the Methodist women in your city. Please confirm reservation.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

January 30, 1956

Mr. Quentin Whyte
South African Institute of Race Relations
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Mr. Whyte:

The New York Times carries a small notice of Dr. B.B. Keet's book and gives us some pleasant quotes on it on Christian principles opposed to Apartheid.

I hesitate to order the book but I would like to hear some more. If Secretary # 7-L will be kind enough to watch for notices that will give us more quotes and will send them over we will be most grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 30, 1956

Tulsa Tribune
Circulation Department
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Gentlemen:

The following article, reportedly from your newspaper, was sent to us anonymously. It was included in an editorial from a Mississippi Newspaper.

> "The music was loud, the air was heavy with cigaret smoke, and the beer was flowing freely when three deputy sheriffs burst into a house at 3326 N. Harvard Ave. early Sunday.
>
> "Teen-age kids (white) parked in cars outside the place--The Dew Drop Inn, operated by a Negro--scattered in all directions in their cars and on foot when they saw the officers.
>
> "Inside, the deputies found 15 other white youngsters, two of them 14 year old girls: the rest, boys varying from 15 to 19, and about 10 or 12 Negro adults.
>
> "All were in various stages of intoxication, some of the boys 'pretty drunk.'
>
> "In a back bedroom, a Negro woman lay, 'passed out.'
>
> "In such a setting, Deputies Ray Cryder, Leonard Coulter and C. R. Terrill learned, certain Tulsa youngsters spent their Saturday nights.
>
> "As a result of this raid, juvenile authorities, police and sheriff's deputies today began investigating the lives and backgrounds of all persons connected with the Saturday night drinking spree."

We are interested in receiving a copy of the original article which probably appeared around January 20th. We would appreciate if if you would mail us a copy including the date which the article appeared. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Information Service.

JC:mf

January 30, 1956

Dr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Dent:

Dr. Mitchell mentioned that you promised to send a copy of your remarks at Dr. Will Alexander's funeral. We would like to look these over for possible use in the February issue of New South so if we could have them in the next few days we would be most grateful.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor,
New South.

JC:mf

January 30, 1956

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Dr. Mitchell mentioned that he had asked you to write a brief statement concerning Dr. Will Alexander. We would like to consider this for use in the February issue of New South so if we could have it in the next few days we would be most grateful.

I know this is a rush order but New South dead-lines do come so quickly.

We would appreciate any consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Managing Editor,
New South.

JC:mf

January 30, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Reed:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 25 and the enclosed check for $1,000.00 for the printing and distribution of 10,000 copies of a pamphlet containing three speeches delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association. An official receipt is enclosed.

We regard ourselves, in this instance, as somewhat in the role of agents. Accordingly, I will handle the project in full collaboration and agreement with Bell Wiley.

We appreciate this opportunity to assist in the disemination of these significant speeches.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF

January 30, 1956

The Rev. Gerald R. Duncan
Route 2 Box 477
Birmingham 9, Alabama

Dear Mr. Duncan:

I am sending you separately several published pieces of material which should be helpful to you. Please return the green pamphlet, since we have only one or two file copies left.

The best person at Emory with whom to discuss the Council is Dr. John A. Griffin, who has had a long time acquaintance with this work.

If specific questions arise, I shall be glad to have you write.

Sincerely,

Harold C.Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:

P. S. - Note that the lists of Directors shown on the older material are out of date.

January 30, 1956

Mr. Clarence L. Hughes
Room 420, Jackson Building
Cherry and Seventh Streets
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I am sorry that Tennessee got slighted in the distribution of the Baltimore Report and the Report of the Fund for the Republic. Apparently some clerical mix-up.

The Baltimore Reports are exhausted, but I am sending you separately some copies of the Fund's report.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 30, 1956

Mr. James C. Evans
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Many thanks for the material which you sent in response to my letter of December 9. It is exactly the kind of factual evidence we needed.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 30, 1956

Mr. William H. Perry
2320 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Perry:

I am glad that the material we sent you is well suited to your purposes. There will be no charge.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 30, 1956

Mr. Houston Johnson
Box 238
RFD # 2
Ashland, Virginia

Dear Houston:

I expect to be at Gum Tree along about Saturday afternoon, February 4. I will have the deed to the land if you will have the $300. I suppose we cannot get the deed transferred in the Court House because it's a Saturday afternoon, but I suppose we could find a lawyer who would promise to attend to it in a day or two.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 30, 1956

Mrs. Emory Hill
3607 Seminary Avenue
Ginter Park
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Julia:

Unless you send storm signals to the contrary I will hope to sleep on your side porch Saturday night, February 4.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 30, 1956

Cosmos Club
2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I would be grateful for your kindness in saving an inexpensive room for me for the night of Sunday, February 5.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 30, 1956

Miss Katherine N. Dill, Juvenile Promotion Director
Borzoi Books for Young People
Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.
501 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York

Dear Miss Dill:

I haven't read the revised edition of Arna Bontemp's Story of the Negro which your letter of January 25 says you are being kind enough to send for review.

We review almost no books in our small publication, New South.

But I did read Arna Bontemp's Story of the Negro when it first came out. I have read most of the books in that field. It is by a long way the best. It convinces without labelling. And the United States would be a lot better off it were in every school and every history and sociology class in the country.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 30, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd St.,
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

I hope to be in New York Wednesday and Thursday, February 8 and 9 and shall of course come to see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 30, 1956

Mr. George Meany, President
AFL-CIO
1525 "H" St.,
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Meany:

I expect to be in Washington Monday, February 6 and in furtherance of letter to you of December 20, I would like to come to the office and take my chance of visiting you or anyone handy who would like to hear what I cam fill in about the situation in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 31, 1956

Mrs. Gretchen Casey
League of Women Voters of Montgomery County
937 Pershing Drive
Silver Spring, Md.

Dear Mrs. Casey:

Thank you very much for the pamphlet and accompanying material on desegregation in Montgomery County.

We do appreciate all such information which is valuable in our work, and also we are appreciative of the work the League of Women Voters is doing.

We will keep this pamphlet here on file and let interested people know that it is available through your office.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Information Service.

JC:mf

January 31, 1956

Dr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Dent:

We have received the information that we requested in yesterday's letter.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor,
New South.

JC:mf

January 31, 1956

Miss Esther Stamats
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Miss Stamats:

The State Meetings are being lined up and I will need your new list of Chairman of Christian Social Relations. Also, please send us 200 copies of "Just a Minute". I don't know the price. Enclose a bill and check will be forthcoming.

South Carolina is to have a meeting early in March. Our South-wide meeting will have to be later this year because of the many meetings of the denominational groups. As soon as I can find a date, I will advise you so you can put it on your calendar.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

January 31, 1956

Mr. D. W. Brooks
The Cotton Producers Association
308½ Ivy Street, N. E.
P. O. Box 2210
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brooks:

I am more than grateful to you for consenting to speak at Glen Memorial at 7:30 p. m., February the 14th. The class on World Peace will be held in the Educational Building and someone will be at the door to direct you to the room.

When you spoke at Glen Memorial before, your audience was made up of women from over the Atlanta East District and very few of Glen Memorial's own members were present. So, your speech will be entirely new to most of them and those who have heard it know that it bears repeating.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

January 31, 1956

Dr. Charles F. Boss
Board of World Peace
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Ill.

Dear Dr. Boss:

I need 100 of your leaflets that give the list of the Congressmen and some facts about voting. I regret I have some way lost the leaflet and don't know its exact title, but I hope this is explanation enough for you to understand what I mean. Please enclose a bill.

When you come to Atlanta don't fail to let me know for there is much I would like to talk over with you.

With the best of wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

January 31, 1956

Mr. Clarence E. Pickett, President
Fellowship Commission
260 South 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Your letter of January 18 found me engrossed in a three days meeting and I had to keep my mind on what I was doing rather than thinking of the great honor the Fellowship is going to bestow on me. I assure you, it is deeply appreciated, both by myself and my husband. Whatever I have done, and it's little enough, has been because an inner compulsion made me feel I could not live unless I tried.

I will arrive in Philadelphia sometime on April 3 and would appreciate it if you would make reservations at some hotel for both the 3rd and 4th.

With deepest appreciation and a feeling that the honor is not too deserved, I remain

Most Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

MEMO

January 31, 1956

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

RE: New Orleans trip, January 21, 1956

I went to New Orlenas January 21 for the Methodist ladies. They were supposed to send me some money back. How much I don't know. What I spent was $53.90 for plane ticket (stub attached) and 10¢ for tips and $1.00 for riding to airport and back.

January 31, 1956

Miss Delores Price, Circulation Manager
Community
4233 S. Indiana Avenue,
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Miss Price:

Thank you for your letter of January 24 and congratulations on the lovely new form of the maggie. I can't help on the mailing list because of the queer position we are in hereabouts we have a firm rule that people who join our State organizations won't get mail from any body at all except our State organizations and New South.

But I would like for my twelve new State groups to get the paper. So I will subscribe for them. Here is the twelve dollars and here are the names and addresses of the State directors.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl. (2)

January 31, 1956

Mr. Clarence Pickett, President
Philadelphia Fellowship Commission
260 South 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Pickett:

It's now clear that by reason of Spring vacations from school and college, Alice, my wife, will not be able to come to Philadelphia April 4. G. Mitchell will be there with bells.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: John Griffin
1252 Uppergate Drive, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

January 31, 1956

Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I went to see Leonard Haas Friday, January 27. Told him that it was on your conscience to secure a successor to him as Counsel.

With some shyness he reminded me that in his original letter he had unobtrusively said he had a possible candidate to succeed him. I had certainly clean forgotten it. Candidate is a quite remote cousin of his. Name - Joseph Haas. Age - 44. Lives in Atlanta. Member of Haas, Holland and Blackshear. The man Holland was Assistant Attorney-General to Herman Talmadge. Haas went to Georgia Tech, University of Michigan, and Harvard Law. Phi Beta Kappa, Major in Ordnance Department in World War II. Leonard has sounded out his remote cousin Joseph as to Joseph's taking over Leonard's responsibilities (on Leonard's terms, of course. i.e., never a fee!) And the good man, Joseph Haas, was willing so to serve.

I will make an inquiry or two hereabouts, but I hasten to put the matter before you. Will be glad to obtain any further information you may wish.

And for convenience sake I send a copy of this to John Griffin.

Leoanrd felt some delicacy about proposing as a successor "another member of another minority group." But I think it's a star in our crown and a help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 31, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold and
Mr. Christopher Mercer
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat and Chris:

A word of appreciation for your January 27 Newsletter. It is an excellent job in every respect. We will probably quote from it in an early issue of New South.

I am writing Dr. Cothran to ask if he will do an article for us on the question of down-grading.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF

January 31, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Exec. Dir.
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thanks for letting me see the enclosed article by Mrs. Roberts. It is very well written and clearly shows that you have an able and effective ally in the author.

However, John Constable and I both feel that it misses the mark for New South. Its real effectiveness will be in an area where there are a good many transplanted Northerners. Would the St. Petersburg Times consider it, do you think?

I appreciate your keeping us in mind when material of this sort comes your way.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enc.

January 31, 1956

Dr. Tillman C. Cothran
Department of Sociology
A. M. & N College
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Cothran:

We have heard some very favorable comments on your recent presentation to the Board of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. The claim that desegregation will lead to down-grading of public schools is being made with increasing effectiveness these days.

I am wondering if you would be willing to do an article for New South on this subject. The right length would be about 1200 to 2000 words. I hope you will write me that you can take it on.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

January 31, 1956

Mr. Charles Clifton
Trinity Methodist Church
906 Tate Street
Corinth, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Clifton:

Most of our free material has been exhausted and I am enclosing a list on which are indicated the titles and nominal fees for our publications. However, you are being sent, free of charge, a pamphlet entitled "The People Take The Lead" which records positive steps in race relations over several years.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

January 31, 1956

Mr. C. R. Woodward, Director
Interracial Association of Binghamton, Inc.
45 Carroll Street
Binghamton, New York

Dear Mr. Woodward:

Our monthly publication, New South, provides current information on and analysis of developments in race relations, and it would probably be of value to your organization. I am sending you a complimentary copy of the January issue. Other materials being forwarded to you are Changing Patterns in the New South, our publications list and a statement of our objectives. Please note that non-Southerners may become associates of the Council.

A recent article by the Council's director would probably be a stimulant to the thinking and action of many of the groups you address. It is entitled "How to be Helpful Though Northern" and was published in the December 1955 issue of Interracial Review. This publication is available from 20 Vessey Street, New York 7, New York.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

January 31, 1956

Mr. Hugh A. Mulligan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Times-Picayine States Bldg.
New Orleans 5, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Mulligan:

A list of desegregating institutions and a copy of "The Churches Speak" (a compilation of the statements of several church bodies following the May 1954 Supreme Court decision) have been mailed to you.

You would also find helpful "Statements Adopted By Religious Groups Re Segregation In The Public Schools." This is available from the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., Department of Racial and Cultural Relations.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

January 31, 1956

Mrs. Lydia B. Catchings
Box 325
Kaigler Training School
Georgetown, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Catchings:

We would be glad to fill an order for any of our publications which you desire. They are available for a nominal fee; titles and fees are indicated on the enclosed list. A copy of the contents of Changing Patterns In The New South is also being sent.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

January 31, 1956

Miss Kathleen L. Wellner
Route 2, Box 354
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Wellner:

The following references should aid you in your study of "Prejudice in the American Church."

Loescher, Frank - The Protestant Church and The Negro

"Catholicism and the Negro", Jubilee, September, 1955, A.M.D.G. Publishing Company, 377 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

"Segregation on Sunday", Social Progress, January 1955, 830 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

"The Churches and Segregation." Available from National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

January 31, 1956

Miss Loreen Ginsberger
342 Sheridan Road
Sheridan, Oregon

Dear Miss Ginsberger:

Your letter to Dr. Richards has been referred to us. Useful information on the legal status of segregation may be found in State Laws on Race and Color by Pauli Murray.

The Council is sending you a pamphlet entitled "Race Discrimination and The Law" and the 1955 Tuskegee Race Relations Report. Copies of the contents of Changing Patterns in the New South and our publications list are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

January 31, 1956

Mrs. Emory Hill
3607 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Julia:

I think I have called off this New York trip so don't look for me Saturday night.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 31, 1956

Cosmos Club
2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am grateful for your kindness in holding a room for me Sunday night, February 5. But I'm not coming this time cancel it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 31, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

I have had to call off this trip to New York so won't be coming February 7 and 8. But I will come later on in the month.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 31, 1956

Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Your letter of January 28, about the libel business distresses me. I am not blameless, or always accurate, but I do try to do right, and it's a bit tough to have the President of the show, with all his weight, jerk at my mouth for some error not very apparent. It's a vein in which you are not at your best. Happily we agree when we can be together; I wish we could discuss these matters personally before we start making powerful directives.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copies sent: Rufus Clement
Leonard Haas

January 31, 1956

Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We evidently don't have the same understanding about the status of the libel question and the role of the special committee with respect to it.

I understand that the Committee appointed by the Board at Tuskegee was to explore the possible involvement of the Southern Regional Council in a suit for libel, specifically with respect to legal or financial assistance from the Fund for the Republic. At the direction of the Committee, that was done. The Fund, in time, answered that their counsel was not disposed (at least, as of then) to approve such assistance. Whereupon the possibility of action shifted to the individuals involved. In pursuit of the somewhat different end, I asked Morris Abram to go to New York for conferences with libel lawyers; Morris did so on my behalf and at my expense, as Leonard Haas had given me an informal opinion that tax-exempt funds might not safely be used for defense of individuals against libel. As a matter of courtesy and common concern, I communicated Morris' findings to the other individuals involved.

I thought it proper to inform the Executive Committee fully on where the matter stood, and this was done. Until last Thursday, when the Fund raised a policy question with us, I had not considered the matter as calling for action by the special committee. As I wrote you several days ago, the time has now come when we must officially consider.

Parenthetically, Leonard Haas and Rufus Clement happened to be kept pretty fully informed at each stage of the pursuit of possible individual action.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

January 31, 1956

Mrs. Ruth McClarey
Lovington, Ill.

Dear Mrs. McClary:

Thank you for your recent order which is being filled.

Yes, the Southern Regional Council is actively engaged in creating better race relations. I am enclosing a brief statement of the Council's aims and work. Also, I am enclosing a copy of our publications list.

Please let us know if we can be of additional service to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Information Service.

JC:mf

Enc.

February 1, 1956

The Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Exec. Dir.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

As yet we have not received any comment on your article. In truth we receive very little comment on any specific New South article, so I doubt that there will be very many if any at all. The new Africo-American has not come yet so I do not know if there is any comment in it but I will let you know.

As for the Ministerial Associations, Florence Irving, our Research Assistant, is in the process of gathering information on all the integrated Associations. When this is completed, the information will be made available to you.

I have been seeing quite a bit of news on Montgomery Bus activity. That is really something, isn't it?

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Information Service.

JC:mf

February 1, 1956

Mr. J. Oscar Lee, Executive Director
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
Division of Christian Life and Work
National Council of the Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

You have got a good scheme and I do hope you get a good turnout of people (February 17).

Tartt Bell of the American Friends Service Committee at 617 West Market St., Greensboro, North Carolina, has been doing some good thinking along these lines. I wish you would invite him.

I note on page 3 of the list of persons invited that the Monsignor known as Hochwalt is incorrectly given as Hockwalt.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM

Signed by Dr. Mitchell's Secretary in his absence.

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February 1, 1956

Dr. Guy H. Wells, Executive Director
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Wells:

I have your letter of January 24, 1956 in which you name Mr. Morton Weiss, President, Montag Brothers Incorporated, Atlanta, Georgia to serve on the SRC Finance Committee.

We will be happy to have Mr. Weiss serve on this committee. We will keep you and him informed as to the future development of this committee.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. Fred Routh
Mr. Morton Weiss

February 1, 1956

Mrs. J.N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

I do greatly appreciate the clippings. Cheerful news is scarce these days!

We wrote admiringly to Bishop Hines.

Yes, we all do greatly miss Mrs. Hogue.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 1, 1956

Mr. Henry F. Shiperd, Associate Director
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Henry:

I notice you have got the next meeting of the Advisory Committee on the school business March 3 and 4. Miserably I am in Shreveport March 3.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

February 1, 1956

Rt. Rev. John E. Hines
2616 University Avenue
Austin, Texas

My dear Bishop Hines:

We were delighted when friends in Houston sent us the account of your firm words at Tyler on matters of segregation.

Appreciatively and respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: RHA

February 1, 1956

Miss Nancy Attaway
Mercer University
Macon, Georgia

Dear Miss Attaway:

Mr. Guy Wells showed us your kind letter to him of January 7.

We haven't necessarily got a job but we would be likely to have a job around September for someone with shorthand.

If you qualify and will still be on the market then, please come to see us.

The same goes for this summer but there is still a real need for shorthand.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 1, 1956

Miss Bernice E. Taylor, Executive Director
Young Women's Christian Association
140 East Hanover Street
Trenton 8, New Jersey

Dear Miss Taylor:

May is clean empty from the 1st to the 18th.

Sincerely,

George E. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 1, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I need some screed from you about the business I sent you January 17, regarding Mrs. Bradley.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 1, 1956

Mr. E. Gordon Alderfer, Executive Assistant
The American Academy
of Political and Social Science
3937 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Mr. Alderfer:

Our Secretary-Treasurer estimates that we could undertake the mailing proposed in your letter of January 27 for about $35.00 for clerical staff time, plus postage. Allowing for duplications, our mailing list would run about 4,000.

Only one problem outstanding: This arrangement assumes the use of our addressograph machine, which will accomodate nothing wider than the normal letter size (No. 10) envelope. Unfortunately, our machine requires an expensive adjustment to run off the addresses on tape, and we simply don't have the clerical staff available to address the envelopes individually. Is there any possibility of your invitation being folded for a number ten envelope? If that can be worked out, we should be glad to proceed at your convenience.

We too would like for our subscribers to know about the March issue of The Annals. Failing a promotional mailing, we can at least insert a notice of it in our monthly publication.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

February 1, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
Trade Union Consultant
1631 "E" Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

The New York trip of February 8 and thereabouts is off. So won't be in Washington. But do tell me what is cooking on a teacher for this summer.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 2, 1956

Mrs. Walter A. Davis
Poinsett Hotel
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

Here are some things that I don't believe I made very clear to you.

First of all, the letters of invitation have gone out from the United Church Women rather than from the Southern Regional Council. What we have done is to mimeograph the letters that the President of Church Women wrote, address the envelopes, and stamp them and send them back for them to be signed and mailed with your postmark. If this is not what you want, of course we will send the letters out from here.

I think I told you that you would have $200.00 for travel expenses for yourself and your denominational leaders and for any speaker you might bring to the meeting.

The usual proceedure has been that you, yourself, would select a person to give a devotional message that would set the tone of the meeting. You possibly know someone better than I would know. Then, we have always had someone to talk on the ~~[illegible]~~ Legal side of what the South is Attempting to Do in evading the Supreme Court Decision. If you can find these two people, then with Mrs. Robinson to lead the discussion, your meeting is secure. Mr. Dabbs ought to be invited and would be a good leader for one of your Buss groups. And, of course, you do invite the Chairman of the Council on Human Relations. However, do not put on your program anywhere for a speech from her. The questions will be asked from the floor and than she will answer them. Our meetings, as you know, are not to exploit the women in any way or to build up membership in your South Carolina Council on Human Relations. However, there is usually a good by-product from the meetings.

As soon as you know the place and the date and write your letter, we can get them ready for you. I will have a list of some Catholic and Jewish women to add to your list. I hope you have the presidents of the various denominations of the state and their Secretary of Christian Social Relations. If so, please send these names to us so we may direct your envelopes for you.

I am sending you a copy of God Versus Segregation which should be read sometime during the day. We are getting ready Workbooks which will have a good deal of information in them for usethat day.

I haven't heard from you the exact date -- the 7th is entirely out for me. I could come the 6th or preferably the 8th.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:MF

P. S. Anything else you want us to do please let us know.

February 6, 1956

Mrs. Charles Williams
Brooker T. Washington High School
Miami, Florida

Dear Mayme:

Irene Osborne is just back from her trip to Florida and reports that the Florida Council is doing a good job and that she was pleased with the staff we have in that state. I feel the same way about the situation.

Irene also said that I had done an inpardonable thing last January by not showing up at the Annual Meeting of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers. My deepest regrets for this. There is no excuse but I think there is an explanation. I received a letter from Mrs. William Henry, Director of the organization, officially inviting me to attend. I replied to her letter agreeing to do so and explained that the Association would have to cover the cost of my transportation to San Antonio and return--this in reply to her question of what financial responsibility would be involved. Unfortunately, I never heard again from the lady.

Since I did not hear, I assumed (this assumption being my error) that the cost wf transportation was prohibitive and I did not wish to press the point. I did not want to embarrass the good lady if it had been decided for any reason my coming would have proven difficult. I assumed her silence indicated something of this sort. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to her.

My very best regards to all my friends down there but the best of all to you. I want you to know that I deeply cherish our friendship and certainly would never do anything to impair it.

As Ever,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf
Enc.

February 6, 1956

Mrs. Walter A. Davis
Poinsett Hotel
Greenville, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I have just received your letter and your date March the 6th is agreeable with me. I hope I may see you in Richmond. I can only be there the 23rd. Back to your program.

Mr. Dabbs could lead you in a very thought provoking worship service. The $200.00 is yours to use for this meeting. I think it might be enough to pay the travel of the presidents and Christian Social Relations leaders from your state denominational groups and some perhaps for consultants you might want to be present. At most of our meetings we have had just a box lunch sent in and paid for it out of the $200.00.

You will need a good secretary, preferably a stenographer if you have one who will give her time as we gather up Gleanings from the Conference and send them out. I am mailing you a copy of the Gleanins from the Georgia meeting.

If there is any thing further I can do for you, let me know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

February 6, 1956

The Rev. John C. Fuller
200 E. Livingston Av.
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mr. Fuller:

I delayed answering your letter until after a Regional Methodist Meeting last week when I knew some Florida women would be here. I really have a great find for you. Mrs. Angus S. Barlow, of your city, is a new Secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Methodist women of the state. She is a very lovely woman and will be a great help to you and your group in Orlando. She can help you find other Church leaders. I talked to her in our Atlanta meeting and am sure of her breadth of understanding and social vision. I told her I would write to you and she is expecting to hear from you.

I was more than delighted with your meeting last month. I thought you made some splendid plans with good chairman of your groups. I believe Orlando will soon begin to feel the influence of your group. If I can help in any way, please do not fail to call on me.

With the best of wishes to you, I am

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

February 6, 1956

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

Marion Wright some time back asked for a ~~publication~~ preparation of a break-down of our Board Members by occupational classification. This has been done and is here supplied to Members of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 6, 1956

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Mayesville, South Carolina

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 6, 1956

Mr. Albert W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 6, 1956

Mr. John A. Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 6, 1956

Mr. Leonard Haas
Suite 601
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
P.O. Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 6, 1

Mr. E.A. McDowell
Southern Baptist Theological Semina
Wake Forest, North Carolina

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Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Marion Wright some time back asked for a publication of a break-down of our Board Members by occupational classification. This has been done and is here supplied to Members of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Very Rev. M.V. Shean, C.O.
Box 895
Rock Hills, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Shean:

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Executive Director

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February 6, 1956

Mr. Carter Wesley
Box 3086
Houston, Texas

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Executive Director

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February 6,

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

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Executive Director

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February 6, 1956

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

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Executive Director

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February 6, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 6, 1956

Mr. Lucius Pitts
Georgia State Teachers and Education Association
201 Ashby St., N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pitts:

Most kind of you to entertain the visiting editors. I am sure they will have found the visit with you and the Georgia State Teachers and Education Association one of the highlights of their whole trip.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Mrs. Ray Mitchell
3986 Club Drive, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:

You and your friends were kindness itself to the visiting Japanese editors, and I am sure they had a delightful and instructive visit.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy and pamphlet sent to Marion Wright

February 6, 1956

Mrs. Elvert M. Davis
Mountain Sanitarium
Fletcher, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I was greatly pleased with the *Case in Court*, and do warmly thank you for sending it. I had not known at all of that quite early case, on just the right track. And how wise and accurate was the opinion of the learned Judge Morse!

It is a hard matter to get good warm and fairminded views abroad today; we all try, with too little success, but we all hope for the day when brotherhood and equality will be an achieved reality.

You would enjoy the acquaintance of Marion Wright, the President of the Southern Regional Council. He lives at no dreadful distance from you, at Linville Falls. I hope you will arrange to drive over on occasion, and seek him out. He is a lawyer, and will enjoy recollection of cases that involved these issues. And you should hook on to our North Carolina Council on Human Relations, the address of which is:

121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

February 6, 1956

Mr. Paul Sifton
United Auto Workers
Walker Building
734 15th Street, N.W.
Washington 5, D.C.

Dear Paul:

We are in much need this year of the one thousand dollars from UAW.

If you will be our friend on it, we will be most appreciative - as heretofore.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl. (4)

February 6, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd St.,
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

After a couple of false starts I have got to reading carefully the items Lewis Jones sent Hallock Hoffman, returned to you herewith.

On the items:

(1) The Economics people at the University of Kentucky, at West Virginia University, at the University of Tennessee, and the University of Arkansas, or some consortium of them, could do a good job on analysis of the problem areas (where limited opportunity makes excess population). We do things about this in Puerto Rico and Afghanistan; why not in our own South?

(2) I think the small-town pattern not sufficiently consistent to be worth picture-making. The town will do what the cities do, though belatedly.

(3) Smart idea for anybody smart enough to work it.

(4) Good thinking, and we will try to get it into circulation, privately, with our people.

On Lewis Jones:

The priceless thing about Lewis Jones is that he played an active, and indeed a leading, part in a most careful review of what was the actual situation in about 1934 in six Southern counties, most of them deep plantation country. Done for the Rosenwald Fund, under direction of Charles Johnson, W.W. Alexander, and E.E. Embree. Lewis and other white and Negro persons like him went out to the plantations, one by one, and took down all the particulars. The findings were done up in six mimeographed copies of a two-volume work, stowed away in the archives of the Rosenwald Fund, and now stowed at Fisk University. The two fat volumes were boiled into "The Collapse of Cotton Tenancy," which was fed into the stream of New Deal concern for agriculture, and resulted in the Farm Security Administration, of which Alexander was for some years the Administrator. So a picture is there of the plantation economy in 1934.

I say get Lewis to run a new study of those same counties, in 1956 or 1957. Nobody knows what has really happened to the plantation economy. Some say it's all cows. Some say it's all day-hands. Some say it's still around. There aren't any usable figures in the census (which I am convinced is carefully cooked to avoid giving any figures that will mean anything on this point!)

If Lewis would go and find out, we would know, and could plan for the future.

Argument against it is that the thing is still in transition - gallopingly; and what's here today won't be here tomorrow. Still, we need to know, and Lewis is one of the very few men that could find out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Mrs. Elsie Wilson
Council of Social Agencies
Box 141
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I hear grapevinishly for the moment that the three meetings scheduled for New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Shreveport are off. So I won't be in Shreveport and I'm sorry.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Mr. Joel Savell
Tiffin Hall, Box 133
University of Ohio
Athens, Ohio

Dear Joel:

By techniques nearly knavish I have dug out one copy of the South African pamphlet.

Coming at you.

I learned that the Fund for the Republic has agreed to stake a man to do the job of research on what the Bible says, next Summer.

So I suppose that your chance of being foundationally assisted on it is over. But I still think you should do your thesis on some segment of it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Atlanta Branch
NAACP
204½ Auburn Avenue, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Into my office this afternoon came an elderly lady, who had received a postal from you asking her to help in the campaign. She has supported your cause with great vigor among her neighbors, but she says she doesn't think she would get very far in a house-to-house solicitation. But she asked me to turn over to you her contribution of five dollars.

Best acknowledge receipt direct to her:

Miss Mae Neptune
141 Jefferson Place
Decatur, Georgia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Mr. John J. O'Connor
c/o Commonweal Publishing Co.
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

We greatly enjoyed your article in the January issue of Commonweal on the Negro voter in the South.

More and more it is clear to us that the vote is a big part of the answer to the present need. And there is the queer point that if Negroes begin to vote in good quantity in those very areas of the South where today they are most denied the vote, the members of the State legislatures from those now famously over-represented areas, would come screaming into the legislatures saying, "We have simply got to reapportion seats in the legislatures! These colored voters are about to send in some members!" And as you have heard me say, from reapportionment begins healthy policy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy of Memo # 4 (Jones) and letter to CHP
to each Assistant Director.

February 6, 1956

Mr. C.H. Parrish
Department of Sociology
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H.:

Lewis Jones submitted this, among other items, to foundation friends of ours, who opined that this one had implications for our program. I agree. Will you ponder, and in so far as you think fit, try to feed the idea into our States?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

February 6, 1956

Mr. George C. Seward
Oglethorpe University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Seward:

You and the faculty and all of Oglethorpe were as kind as could be to the visiting Japanese editors. They were extremely grateful, and they learned a lot and enjoyed a lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Cour t Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

The Newsletter speaks of Arna Bontemps' book. I send you ours for your quickest reading. Get it back and we will send it to Arkansas and on down the line. Extraordinary commendation will be meted out to that State office that reads the book the fastest and mails it back the quickest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 7, 1956

Mr. William L. Parker
P. O. Box 143
Chapell Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Parker:

We have a fairly extensive collection of clippings on organizations such as the Citizens' Councils, but our files seldom contain more than a single copy of each clipping. The Council would be glad to permit your use of these materials in our office. We also have a few pamphlets and releases which have been issued by the pro-segregation groups which we could duplicate for you at a fee of five cents per page. However, it is probable that you could secure some of the publications directly from the organizations. They are eager to distribute their materials if one represents himself as sympathetic to their objectives.

I am sending you a list of the majority of the pro-segregation groups with addresses and the names of state or regional officers where that information is available. In some cases the names of regular publications are included.

You might also secure helpful information from the Southern Education Reporting Service, P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee. SERS has conducted several surveys of the groups whom you are studying.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Encl.

February 7, 1956

Mrs. Albert E. Gingrich
Methodist Parsonage
New Castle, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Gingrich:

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding the Southern Regional Council. I am enclosing a statement on the Council which provides a concise presentation of the Council's objectives. The Virginia affiliate of the Council is headed by Dr. John H. Marion, who would be glad to work with you and citizens of your community in establishing a local Human Relations group. He may be contacted as follows:

Dr. John H. Marion, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Our publications list and the Contents of Changing Patterns in the New South are enclosed. Please inform us if you desire additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

February 7, 1956

Miss Anne Hill
851 East 15th Street
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Miss Hill:

I am sending you a bibliography which includes several references to assist you in preparing your thesis. In addition some reports on school integration are being forwarded to you. Continuing summaries on school desegregation may be found in Southern School News (P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville, Tennessee). You should examine the September 1955 and subsequent issues carefully.

Our publications list and a statement on the Council are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

February 7, 1956

Dr. Arthur J. Mekeel
Committee on the Leaders Program
American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mekeel:

Got your memo of February 3 about Miss Sarwat Qureshi.

The Cotton-ginners of U.S.A., the world, the moon and any satellites are convening in Atlanta for most of the days Miss Qureshi is coming. I tried the Atlantan - no soap. I tried the Biltmore - no soap. I tried the Hampton - room and bath- $2.50 - no soap. Most of these hotels I think have been honest in telling me they are full.

Wherefore Alice and George Mitchell will be happy to entertain Miss Qureshi at Alice and George Mitchell's house. I have three empty bedrooms. We live at 906 Lullwater Road, N.E., which is in a segment of Atlanta called Druid Hills - about $1.40 taxicab ride from the station. The telephone number at the Mitchell's is DEarborn 5961. The Mitchell family consists of George Mitchell, Alice Mitchell, and a highschool daughter, Charlotte Mitchell.

Miss Qureshi, when she arrives on February 12 at 7:10 P.M. should pop into a taxicab and tell the man to take her to 906 Lullwater Road in Druid Hills. She will be most warmly welcomed by my wife. I will be in Dallas on Miss Qureshi's arrival day but I will be back soon.

I have thus far done nothing to prepare a program for Miss Qureshi but shall be happy to advise her when she arrives and can readily put her in touch with people who know anything about adolescents through seventeen. in which she is interested.

Clerical error. In the itinerary for Miss Qureshi sent me she is shown as arriving on February 16 at Tuskagee Institute, Should be Tuskegee Institute.

Sincerely,

George Mitchell

Harold C. Fleming

February 7, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

The other day I was reading Dean and Rosen's book, A Manual of Intergroup Relations. I was struck again with the skimpiness of any illustration and example from these Southerns. Cornell and Chicago have poked into intergroupings. Nobody down here has. So nothing is in writing.

In the wondrous workings of fate you sit at the center of a network of about-to-be-written memos on intergroups in the South. Why don't you turn the memos into a bang-up book?

A little skill in the way you set up the form of the memos will write the bloomin' book for you.

How about it?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

TO: **Fred Routh** February 7, 1956

FROM: GSM

I keep alive an interest in this organization though I can seldom get to its meetings. You might have the meeting in mind with the idea of so planning your travel to enable you to go.

February 7, 1956

Dr. Rachel DuBois
Workshop for Cultural Democracy
204 East 18th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. DuBois:

A maggie called, The Pastor asked me to review your book and I did herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 7, 1956

Miss Jolee Fritz, Associate Director
Wesley Foundation
100 North College Av.
Muncie, Indiana

Dear Jolee:

It was most pleasing to receive your letter and learn that you are again among the employed. However, I am sorry that you weren't able to stay here in the South where we certainly need people of your caliber.

I have given the girl in charge your check for New South and we do appreciate it. However, the cost of a year's subscription is now $2.00 but the girl will bill you for the other fifty cents.

I am sending you, under separate cover, some copies of back issues of New South. In a few days I shall send you some information on Virginia and its vote.

Your fellow worker, John Savall, formerly at Chapel Hill, was by the office a few weeks ago looking for employment. He is now studying in Ohio but is looking for some sort of employment. Life is certainly hard on you Wesley Foundation people, isn't it?

Again, it was pleasant hearing from you and please let us have that pleasure again.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Information Service.

JC:mf

Copies: Frank Loescher
C.H. Parrish
HCF

February 7, 1956

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Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 7, 1956

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tenn.

Dear Paul:

We enjoyed your visit the other day, and as a token of good faith I am sending you the enclosed reprint of the promotion leaflet adopted by the Federation of Constitutional Government. Note particularly the first paragraph of the statement by Eastman and the political and economic program set forth by the "resolution".

John U. Barr, as you know, is a long standing Dixiecrat, and has held positions with the NAM and the National Chamber of Commerce. I believe that he was long associated with something called the Southern States Industrial Council which was a reactionary anti-labor group operating out of New Orleans. I will send you more such material as I get hold of it.

I am sending you separately several books which we talked about when you were here.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enc.

February 7, 1956

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter concerning the matter of a possible libel suit. I believe the attitude you express so well is that of all of the individuals who are interested in this possibility. You will be hearing from Dr. Mitchell shortly about next steps.

Meanwhile, I enclose two further repercussions of the Hearst charges which you may not have seen.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enc.

February 7, 1956

Mr. Joel M. Savell
Box 133, Tiffin Hall
Athens, Ohio

Dear Mr. Savell:

Thank you for your letter summarizing your background.

I shall make this available to our staff here and any of the state affiliates that might be interested. I hope that events will lead to our working together.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

February 7, 1956

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Oscar:

I thought you might like to see, if you have not already, the enclosed inanity from the latest issue of the Citizen's Councils publication. Civilization is sure taking a beating these days.

I hope I will see you soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

February 7, 1956

President R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Atwood:

Thank you for your letter concerning the matter of a possible libel suit.

I am glad to have your thinking on the question.

I am also glad to know that the Hearst charges have had no repercussions in Kentucky. They have been picked up by the American Legion and various prosegregation groups in other areas and are being used with some vigor to embarrass the work of the Council and the individuals so defamed.

We will not continue to circularise you about the on-going developments with respect to this question, but if at any time you wish to be brought up to date let me know and I shall be glad to comply.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

February 7, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Ashmore
231 South LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Harry:

We got a batch of hate group materials the other day, and I thought you would be interested in the characterization of Arkansas in the attached memorandum. They evidently don't know that you are now a Negrophile emeritus.

The description of Oklahoma on the second page is also noteworthy.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enc.

February 7, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Frank:

The draft of your unsent letter was excellent. The man who is planning the forthcoming "See It Now" program on the South called me from Nashville last night and is due in here any minute now. So I will have a good opportunity to get the ideas you outlined into the hopper.

I just came across your article in The Christian Century. Good job.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

February 7, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mrs. Alice Spearman

FROM: Irene Osborne

I will be arriving in Columbia Sunday night, February 12th at 8:25 p. m. via Delta flight 380.

Regards to all of you and I will be looking forward to the visit and to time to talk with you at great length.

MEMORANDUM

February 7, 1956

TO: Robert Hughes

FROM: Irene Osborne

On my schedule of visits to the States I am still holding for you March 19-23 as you and I originally agreed. I assuming that is still the date you prefer rather than March 26-30 as appeared on the mimeographed schedule. Will you let me know if that is also your understanding.

I am looking forward to being there which ever date it turns out to be. I know you must be very much involved and very busy from all that we hear about the boycott of busses.

Best regards,

Irene Osborne.

February 7, 1956

Miss Ann Queen
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Ann:

How nice to hear from you. I have also heard that you are to be in Atlanta soon. I will be away part of the time that you are here but I will be at Friend's meeting on February 19 and will be here during the week after that. Can we go some place for dinner after the Meeting? If you do not see me otherwise, you can reach me at the Atlanta University Graduate Dormitory, Lamar 9974.

It's very good of you to offer your apartment while I am in Greensboro and I certainly am over joyed to take you up on it. Actually I will probably not arrive in Greensboro until Thursday or Friday of that week, March 8 or 9, so perhaps you will be back while I am there. I probably will spend the weekend in Greensboro before going to Tennessee. If any of this involves times when your apartment is otherwise scheduled, please do not feel obligated as I can always make other arrangements.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you. We will certainly have a great deal to say to each other along about this time.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne.

IO:mf

February 7, 1956

Southland Hotel
Dallas, Texas

Gentlemen:

If you can hold a minimum rate single room for me for the night of Friday, February 10 I will be grateful. I will be arriving by breakfast time nut needn't be provided with a room until that shall be convenient to the Hotel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 7, 1956

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I have read the two papers and have no changes to make. I am aware of the fact that nine times out of ten the man who makes no changes has given only slack thought to the matter; in this instance no changes because none seem needed.

I believe I would omit the sentence at the end of Explanatory Notes beginning "I will of course return to the Fund...." From their point of view they supply a sum and expect you to write the book. If you write the book they will have been richly repaid. If you don't write the book it is but lame to send them back an unused seven hundred dollars.

I think you have struck a nice balance between underpinning yourself with facts and preparing to write with all conviction. You will have a problem to keep the facts that will get loaded into the factual chapter from becoming indigestible lumps. And as between the pure liquor and liquor with lumps I choose the pure. Problem is to dissolve the lumps in liquor.

I never knew a book-writer yet who did not write twenty times more than he used. Why don't you try just sitting down and writing what you know is the truth? It will be good stuff and it will be blessed near publishable as it comes. I have visions of you being all involved in instructing a staff of squirts and waiting for them to do their third-handed job and then frantically in the last few weeks of the grant doing perfervidly what in the first few weeks you could do easily and with joy and in a way to carry conviction.

Alternatively write the bloomin' thing, conviction and all, and then turn the manuscript over to the staff squirts to paw at. And then reject nine-tenths of their pawings.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 7, 1956

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I saw last night in the The News Statesman and Nation for February 4 a review some sixty years late of Charles Booth's monumental Life and Labour of the People in London. The reviewer touched on the relationship between statistical fact and the author's purpose. "It was not theory which would change the world, but 'intensity of feeling' enlivened by knowledge. 'In intensity of feeling, and not in statistics, lies the power to move the world. But by statistics must this power be guided if it would move the world aright.'"

I think that about hits your problem; although at that, by all odds, your problem is to get down the intensity of feeling.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 7, 1956

Mrs. Margaret B. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Right, I'm coming. Have written to the Southland Hotel to ask them for room. Arrive in Dallas at 6 AX or some such, Friday, February 10, and shall get myself to the Southland at breakfast time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 7, 1956

Miss Betty Schneider, Assistant Editor
Community
4233 S. Indiana Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Miss Schneider:

Harold Fleming, who runs New South, tells me that we consider newspaper articles, including letters, as in the public domain. We ourselves when we reprint such a letter do not ask permission.

Here is the full text of the letter.

I know David Carroll slightly. He is a white man about 40 and lives near McBee, South Carolina. He has some links with cotton manufacturing and is presently trying to promote a specialty textile product on the New York market.

I was pleased with the letter from Carroll because only a few weeks before I had some evidence that he was wobbling off in the other direction.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 8, 1956

Dear Nat:

I have got Irene Osborne and Fred Routh to go over your Procedural Steps Two. Irene wrote in red. Fred wrote in pencil.

You don't have to take our suggestions.

Fix it the way you think it ~~was.~~ ought to be.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 8, 1956

Mr. George T. Guernsey, Director
Department of Education
1625 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Guernsey:

You will remember earlier appearances of this speech-item. I up and wrote it down the other day. Thought maybe some labor publication would run it. I appoint you agent for free to hawk it around. If you can get anybody useful to print it, I will be pleased.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 8, 1956

Miss Rhoda O'Meara
U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare
Peachtree-Seventh Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss O'Meara:

This confirms your kind willingness to arrange for Miss Sarwat Qureshi some insight into the work of the Public Health Services, during the morning of Monday, February 13. I will see that Miss Qureshi is brought to your office at 9:30 that morning and I will see that she is fetched away at 11:45 that morning.

Miss Qureshi is roughly twenty-four and she is Chief Welfare Officer of a certain Development Authority in a part of Pakistan. She is a social worker.

I send you what was sent me about her.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 8, 1956

Mr. John E. Shirley, Secretary
Sigmund Silberman Foundation
1117 West 35th Street
Chicago 9, Illinois

Dear Mr. Shirley:

We are deeply grateful for the Sigmund Silberman Foundation's gift to the Southern Regional Council of three hundred dollars, made in your letter of February 1. Please convey to the Board, and particularly to Mr. David Silberman, our appreciation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 8, 1956

Chaplain G. Jackson Stafford
Veteran's Administration Hospital
Dublin, Georgia

Dear Mr. Stafford:

We are glad that you are in pleasanter circumstances with clarity in front of you.

The time will come and it will be sooner than most people think when those of you who have been honorable under stress will be admired by the public in general.

We are glad to assist your recent trip with enclosed check for eighty-two dollars.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

February 8, 1956

Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins
White Pickets
5010 - 14th Street North
Arlington 5, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Calkins:

We are sorry not to have you; but keep on helping reasonableness in your spot!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 8, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

I talked by telephone with my friend Earl Mayhew, formerly Kentucky State Director of Farmers Home Administration and currently a professor in the Ag College of University of Kentucky. By good fortune he was about to take off for Atlanta for the Southern Agricultural Workers Association. They duly convened and he telephoned me this morning and I went out and chatted at length with him and with a certain Professor Harold Jensen of the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Kentucky (Lexington). I explained the desirability of some background studies in land tenure. Suggested that some study should be made for each major agricultural area, i.e., each biggish crop country. Cotton, tobacco, peanuts, rice. North Carolina, Mississippi, Arkansas - maybe one other. We got as far as seeing the possibility of setting up four or five fellowships coordinated by one guy at perhaps the University of Kentucky. A little man named Martin in Government who was there at Kentucky did so coordinate string of studies in State government problems in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama (hooked to TVA some way).

I made it clear I have no power to bind or loose.

Jensen and Mayhew were to use the remaining two days of Ag Workers Convention to explore further and Jensen is to write me if Jensen wants to proceed with the notion.

Mayhew is a Republican and I suspect almost anybody teaching Agriculture at the University of Kentucky has at least access to Republican channels.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 8, 1956

Miss Helen E. Amerman, Research Associate
Commission on Race and Housing
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Helen:

We appreciate the $2.60. Your subscription will commence with November 1, 1955.

The item you list in your letter of February 4;

> Barry Bishop, "The Negro Problem--Housing a Basic Factor." Dallas: Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, 1944

was never ours and we have not got a copy. I think that if you would write to the Race Relations Commission, Dallas Chamber of Commerce, they would scare you up one.

The other item we send separately.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 8, 1956

The Rev. G. Jackson Stafford
V. A. Hospital
Dublin, Georgia

Dear Jack:

We appreciate your letting us know about your move to Dublin. I know you will never have occasion to regret the way in which you conducted yourself throughout the whole trying affair in Batesburg. Your statement to W. D. Workman, as carried by the Greenville News, was extremely well done and serves you well as a dignified epilogue to the controversy.

The best of luck to you in your new position. I hope we will continue to be in touch from time to time.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

February 8, 1956

Mr. Robert L. Gray
American Public Relations Association
1010 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gray:

I have your letter regarding participating in a panel at the 12th annual conference of the American Public Relations Association.

The plans you have made sound most interesting to me. All of us who are working toward implementation of the Supreme Court's School decision are most pleased to find interest on the part of organisations such as yours. Certainly Public Relations Officers have a very important role to play as communities undertake desegregation programs.

I will be very happy to take part in the panel on April 5 and fortunately find that I am able to fit this into my schedule.

I'll look forward to receiving a Conference program from you and any further details which you may care to write.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne,
Consultant on Community Organisation.

IO:mf

February 8, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Exec. Dir.
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon about plans for my North Carolina trip March 5.

I recently had a chance to talk to Tartt Bell and Mayes Behrman of the AFSC office and they asked me to be in Greensboro for a meeting of their interracial committee on Friday night, March 9. Tartt Bell is also thinking of a Press Conference with the Winston Salem paper. I hope that you and Tartt Bell can do some joint planning on schedule. I would like to accept these arrangements with AFSC but do not want to interfere with anything you may have planned.

Let me hear from you when plans begin to take shape. I am looking forward to the North Carolina visit.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Osborne.

IO:mf

February 8, 1956

Miss Charlotte Speer
School Affiliations Service
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Charlotte Speer:

I am very glad to know that some of the Integrated schools in Washington may be included in the school affiliation program. I am not sure whether you use schools at any level or whether the program is restricted to High Schools. I would suggest the two most integrated high schools. If you want schools at other levels, please let me know and I will obtain a more complete list for you. I would particularly suggest McKinley High School, Principal, Dr. Charles Bish, and Roosevelt High School. I am sorry but I don't have the name of the principal of Roosevelt. Both of the schools will receive mail simply addressed to the name of the school.

If you want a much more extensive list than this, please do not hesitate to write again as I can certainly obtain it for you.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Osborne.

IO:mf

February 8, 1956

Mr. E. Gordon Alderfer, Exec. Assistant
The American Academy of Political and Social Science
3937 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Mr. Alderfer:

Our problems seem to be at an end. The smaller of the two envelopes that you sent will work in our addressograph, and we can go ahead anytime on the basis described in my last letter.

I think we are clear about the use of your membership strip list to avoid duplications and our estimate took that into account.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

February 8, 1956

Mrs. Girt Bossak and
Mr. Harry Popkin
B'nai B'rith Youth Organization
1725 Peachtree Rd., N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Bossak and Mr. Popkin:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 29. I can only say that I have seldom led a discussion of a more alert and intelligent group than that in the BBYO Seminar. I congratulate you on a stimulating and very constructive occasion.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

February 8, 1956

Mr. Nat R. Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 S. Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

The question of the New South subscription for Mr. and Mrs. Iggers is a complete mystery to us. As you know, New South envelopes are addressed by machine from a set of stencils. Our check revealed a well used stendil for Mr. and Mrs. Iggers at the address shown on your memorandum. We cannot think of any reason why they shouldn't be receiving the magazine.

We are sending separately to Mr. and Mrs. Iggers recent issues which they missed, and hope that the machinery will work smoothly from now on. Let us know if otherwise.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

February 8, 1956

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Lee:

Dr. Mitchell has referred your request of information on ministers to me. The only information we have on the three ministers you mentioned is included here.

We also are including information on other people in similar circumstances which we hope will be of help to you.

Let us know if we can be of any additional help.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Information Service.

JC:mf

Enc.

February 8, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I recall the propriety of providing you with a copy of your did go out letter to David Freeman.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

GSM:mf

Enc.

February 8, 1956

Mr. David M. Jenness
107 Oregon Street
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Jenness:

Thank you very much for your letter commenting on New South. We do appreciate comments of that kind.

Yes, we do have back issues of New South, and I am enclosing a publications list for your information. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

Again thanks.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Managering Editor,
NEW SOUTH

JC:mf

Enc.

February 8, 1956

Mrs. George Martin
4908 Powhotan Ave.
Norfolk 8, Va.

Dear Mrs. Martin:

I will be in Richmond, Virginia on February 23 and would like so much to go to Norfolk to see you on the next day if at all convenient for you to make this engagement with me. I sincerely hope that you will find it possible.

I am enclosing an air mail stamp that I may have an early reply. With every good wish to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

February 8, 1956

Mr. Randolph Baber
Hotel King Carter
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Baber:

Mr. John Norvell of the Hotel William Byrd has advised me that you have reservations for a single room and bath for me on February 22. I find now that I can not arrive until the 23rd and ask you please to make the same reservations for that date.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

P. S. -- Please advise.

February 8, 1956

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Lee:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write to you again concerning the Rev. Harry M. Wilson whom I mentioned in my correspondence to you yesterday.

Enclosed are copies of material explaining the reason for his resignation from his church in Virginia. We wonder if you might possibly find a place for the Rev. Mr. Wilson. Fred Routh, our State Organization Director, is pondering the possibility of using the Rev. Mr. Wilson in the work of the Kentucky Council; but as yet this is indefinite. It is Dr. Mitchell's wish that you might also search around for a suitable place for this courageous man.

If we can furnish you any additional information, Please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Information Service.

JC:mf

February 8, 1956

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Hope:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to perform any chores on this end that you might require in reference to our role in the Southern Sociological Society Meeting here in the Spring.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander.

CC: GSM
FBR

GSA:mf

February 8, 1956

Mr. Harry Golden, Editor
The Carolina Israelite
P.O. Box 2505
1229 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Golden:

I was much instructed and encouraged and rejuvenated by your letter.

Most so by your visit.

Do come again.

I send some items about the Citizens' Councils.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 9, 1956

Cosmos Club
2120 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Please do save me an inexpensive room for night of Thursday, February 16.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell. Signed by Secretary in his absence.

February 9, 1956

Miss Mary Beddingfield
Young Women's Christian Association
Edgewood and Ivy
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Beddingfield:

youth groups

You are very kind to arrange some dip into things for Miss Qureshi from 10:00 until 3:00, on Wednesday, February 15.

I will see that Miss Qureshi is delivered into your custody at 10:00 and removed from your custody at 3:00.

Here's the dope on Miss Qureshi - sari and all.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

February 9, 1956

TO: Miss Sarwat Qureshi

FROM: George S. Mitchell

I observe that on Thursday, February 16, you are listed to get from Chehaw, Ala to Tuskegee by "Bus at your convenience."

Actually there are no such buses. There are taxi-cabs. It's only about two or three miles. Taxi-cabs don't charge a lot to take you over. Climb into any taxi-bab and you will be safely carried over to Tuskegee.

February 9, 1956

Mr. W. S. Kable, Refunds Supervisor
Eastern Air Lines
Miami International Airport
Branch P. O. Box 787
Miami 48, Florida

Dear Sir:

I have your letter regarding my application for refund for lost ticket.

The information you request is as follows:

Form 073, Number 524515

I trust it will now be possible for you to process this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne.

IO:mf

February 9, 1956

Mr. W. H. Perry
2320 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Perry:

We have come across the name of a man who might be an excellent executive director for the Kentucky Council. I am sending you herewith the information we have on him. If you would like to talk with me about this, please call me collect on Monday at Walnut 7963.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

February 9, 1956

Fay Bennett, Exec. Secretary
National Sharecroppers Fund
112 E. 19th Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Fay Bennett:

We are sorry we forgot to include the address of The Tennessee Council on Human Relations. It is: Room 420, Jackson Building, Cherry and Seventh Streets, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Also enclosed you will find our check for $3.00 in payment for the pamphlets which you so kindly sent to our state people. Best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

February 9, 1956

Dr. Samuel Newman
Newman Building
Danville, Virginia

Dear Dr. Newman:

There are a couple of things we can try for Mr. Wilson and we are hopping onto them. Oscar Lee at the National Council of Churches at New York has a minute fund for trying to figure out ways of getting help to what we call Displaced Persons, which some call Displaced Parsons.

We are notifying circumspectly the matter of Mr. Wilson to Oscar Lee.

Second thing is that the Executive Directorship of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, which body the Southern Regional Council assists, is vacant and we are notifying our friends at Kentucky that Mr. Wilson is a Kentuckian and would quite probably be one suitable for them to be in touch with.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 9, 1956

Dr. Albert W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

The words you said at Dr. Will's funeral duly came in and were snatched from my desk to be copy for the February issue of New South. And I could only read it today.

Sincere words, and enough.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

February 9, 1956

Mountainview Hotel

Gallenburg, Tenn.

Arriving this evening for Council of The Southern Mountains Meeting. Please hold single with shower for tonight only.

Frederick B. Routh
Atlanta, Ga.

February 9, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I have been figuring on trains and planes.

I expect I will ride a train from Dallas to Little Rock. Hole up most of Sunday, February 12 at your Sam Peck. Available if needed. Shall be at your office 9:15, Monday, ready for 10:00 business with Dunnaway.

I have got to go to Washington for Friday of next week and so it shall be a short week anyway and I had better push back on your fancy afternoon flight from Little Rock to Atlanta which leaves Little Rock at 3:25 P.M., Monday.

Sorry not to stay for Executive Committee because Fred Routh tells me your meetings are exciting. But I had best catch that plane.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 9, 1956

Mr. Arthur J. Mekeel
Committee on the Leaders Program
American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mekeel:

I am trying to make arrangements which will be suitable for the coming of Miss Qureshi.

I ~~need~~ note the item covered in the enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

February 9, 1956

TO: Miss Sarwat Qureshi

FROM: George S. Mitchell

So far as arranged these appointments have been made for you:

Monday, February 13

9:30 A.M. you will be taken down to the office of Miss Rhoda O'Meara in the Atlanta Regional Office of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Miss O'Meara will put you in touch there with people interested particularly in matters of Public Health.

We will come for you at Miss O'Meara's office at 11:45 that morning.

Tuesday, February 14

9:30 A.M. you are due at the School of Social Work at Atlanta University, in the Office of its Director - Mr. Whitney Young. Atlanta University is Negro. Its School of Social Work is the only one in Atlanta - a good one. At 10:30 they will take you into a class and at 11:30 you will be picked up from Atlanta University.

Wednesday, February 15

From 10:00 until 3:00 the YWCA in the person of Miss Mary Boddingfield will dip you into Youth groups (white). The YWCA is at the corner of Ivy and Edgewood. Due there at 10:00 A.M. Through there at 3:00 P.M.

Suggest that on Tuesday afternoon, February 14, you put in some time with the Southern Regional Council office at 63 Auburn Ave., N.E., where we can brief you on Southern matters.

Copy: Eugene Cox
Route 1 Box 58
Cruger, Mississippi

February 9, 1956

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Oscar:

Eugene Cox called me yesterday. In our telephone conversation we got nearer to defining what he would be doing if he had his ruthers.

He doesn't quite know it but he is offering to be a traveling minister to a scattered bi-racial South-wide congregation. He's got members in mighty near every city and some towns. Maybe they don't know if they belong but they do. He would go around and be their parson and console them and inspire them and teach them what to do. I think that's a bloomin' good kind of preacher. And I wish somebody would stake him to that kind of Church.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 9, 1956

Mr. Lewis S. C. Smythe,
Professor of Christian Community
The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Lewis:

What I have heard is that the National Council of the Churches of Christ has a minute fund for trying to codify the cases of what we call "Displaced Persons." And if and when codified - suggestions for next place to light.

I don't think a federal agency is likely and in any case I agree with the doctrine that it takes four years to establish a federal agency and in four years I hope the job will be nearly done. But as to school teachers displaced there is an interest in NEA in wiggling something North and West with them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 9, 1956

Mr. John W. Alexander
12 Crystal Gade
St, Thomas,
Virgin Islands

Dear John:

I am delighted.

We will faithfully try to find what you want.

For the moment the only kind of thing that might open with us is an Executive Directorship in one of our twelve assisted State organisations. And of course the choice is not ours but that of a State committee. Presently vacancies in Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas. Of these we think only Tennessee would interest you and there the job is special and has been merely a Chief Clerkship ill-paid; but it will probably grow into a regular Executive Directorship paying $5,000. We will nurse Tennessee with you in mind.

One of the other States may come on the market.

The American Friends Service Committee thing would interest you. Man to work through is Tartt Bell, AFSC, 617 W. Market Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. Difficulty about AFSC jobs is that as a matter of conscience they pay squeezingly low salaries. We are not generous but we are one cut above.

I have called in my staff and told them what a good egg you are and what a good eggette Tanis is and asked them all to concern themselves gravely in finding a way to fetch you back into this part of the world.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 10, 1956

Miss Ellen Duckworth
Randolph-Macon Woman's College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Duckworth:

I regret that we do not have a publication containing a detailed history of the Council that is presently available for distribution. However, I am sending you several pieces of material from which you may be able to draw a fairly comprehensive picture of the organization. Our publications list and a recent copy of New South are also enclosed. Please send us twenty cents in coin or stamps for the latter. If you think it advisable to have copies of some of our publications to display at the time your report is made you may determine which you wish to order from the enclosed list.

Reference is made to the state organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council. These are located in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. The director and address of the Virginia affiliate are as follows:

Dr. John H. Marion
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

February 10, 1956

Mr. James C. Evans, Civilian Assistant
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have at hand several news releases which indicated that the directive of the Secretary of Defense relative to desegregation of schools on military installations was effected for the current school year in at least twenty-seven post schools in Southern and border states.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would provide us with a complete list of the military installations now having integrated schools. Please inform us of those which are operated by local school authorities.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

February 10, 1956

Miss Dorothy Roberson
Box 226, Route I
Red Level, Alabama

Dear Miss Roberson:

We do not have the pamphlet you requested, but one entitled The Negro in America is being sent you . Our publications list and the contents of Changing Patterns in the New South are being sent you in order that you may determine which of these publications will best meet your class needs.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

February 10, 1956

Miss Janet Fraser
358 Woodland Drive, S. E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Miss Fraser:

I am sending you a pamphlet, Singers in the Dawn, which includes a brief section on the Negro spiritual. Several references are also contained in the booklet. Our publication list is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

February 10, 1956

Miss Jo-Ann Walker
Box 654
Harlowton, Montana

Dear Miss Walker:

I am sending you two statements on the Southern Regional Council, a publications list and a recent copy of our monthly periodical, New South.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

February 10, 1956

Mrs. Preston Valien
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Valien:

Because my last visit to Tennessee was interrupted we have planned another time when I can visit in Tennessee. The time we havepplanned is March 12-16.

We are agreed here that if there are ways that I could be helpful in Nashville that would be an excellent place to place emphasis. Fred Routh suggested, and I heartily agree, that you are the best person to consult about the possibilities of my being of some help in Nashville. Your job as Coordinator of the Central Tennessee Consultants, and your work with other community groups means that you are able to relate the work of the Council to the many interesting things that are going on in the city.

I will be in the office from February 20-March 2 and hope to hear from you about ideas that you may have. If some other time is more suitable, specify that,too, and we'll do our very best to squeese any other proposed date into the schedule. I am personally especially interested in Nashville and will be glad to spend two or three days there if this will have some real utility.

Personal greetings to you. We have high hopes for the many projects you are engaged in.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Osborne.

IO:mf

February 10, 1956

Mr. Benjamin Segal
Trade Union Consultant
1631 "K" Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

AIRMAIL

Dear Ben:

The way to pick up a guy for the Jewish Labor Committee's job is to make Art Elder give you one guy or gal. He has trained a lot. Next man usefully to get to guess on it is Paul Christopher at Knoxville 2-6780.

I will be in Washington honest-to-goodness for Oscar Lee's meeting Friday, February 17. Sleep the night of the 16th at the Cosmos Club.

If you will have a message stuck in my box or mailed to the Cosmos Club in course of the 16th I will read it that night and bend my plans on the 17th to fit yours for some conversation. But probably you will be at Oscar Lee's meeting anyhow. Statler Hotel. 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Here is a letter I had written Oscar Lee about Eugene Cox.

I had not heard about Rev. Tarplee, the Piskie at Lynchburg, but will hawk him around.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell.
Signed by his Secretary, in his absence.

February 10, 1956

Mr. George K. Hunton
Interracial Review
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Hunton:

In anticipation of Wednesday's meeting, I am sending the enclosed material which you may pass on to Judge McGohey at your discretion. I dare say it's more than the Judge would care to read in detail, but I thought it better to include too much rather than too little.

We have reached Paul Williams and Marion Wright and are assured of their presence; Rufus Clement will be back in Atlanta Sunday, at which time I hope to get a similar commitment.from him.

We greatly appreciate your assistance and I will look forward to seeing you next Wednesday at 4:00 p. m.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

Enc.

February 10, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear John:

Just received your latest memorandum (February 9) and I write you hastily to say that I will, for once, not be here when you come Tuesday to Thursday of next week. I am to be in New York on SRC business for precisely that period. I don't expect this to alter your plans for coming, but I thought you should know.

You asked about Central Staff attendance at the Virginia Workshop. I assume that Fred and C. H. Will represent us. Certainly the public relations of the workshops should be given careful consideration. My own notion would be that each state executive, with such lay advice as he may wish, should recommend the degree and nature of publicity or non-publicity that is advisable. In general, I should think the best thing to do in most cases would be to forego publicity, since the object is to get full and uninhibited participation by state board members. In places where the press is quite friendly, state staff might arrange for interviews or other types of stories based on the Consultants.

If you do come and I am not here, I hope you will discuss with Florence Irving the question of background briefing to be done for the Consultants by this office.

Best regards,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

February 10, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Frank Loescher just called about various matters and, on learning that we are to be in New York next week, expressed the hope that you might stay over until Thursday. Frank feels that if you could pay a visit to the Fund's offices at about 10:00 a.m. Thursday morning, he and David Freeman and perhaps others there would welcome the opportunity to meet and talk with you.

My present plans are to fly up Tuesday night and return to Atlanta Thursday night. The Board of the Fund will be meeting Wednesday, so we should know something about the fate of our proposal on Thursday.

A single room has been reserved for you at the Gramercy Park and confirmed by telegram today.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

February 10, 1956

Mr. George Martin
Fund for the Republic
60 E. 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Martin:

I am to be in New York for a couple of days next week and I am writing you in the hope that we will be able to get together while I am there.

As of now, my plans are to spend the whole of Wednesday and Thursday (February 15 and 16) in New York, and I am unscheduled except for Wednesday afternoon. I will be staying at the Gramarcy Park Hotel and will call you Wednesday morning, at which time I hope we can pin down a convenient time.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:mf

February 13, 1956

Mr. James C. Evans,
Civilian Assistant
Manpower and Personnel
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

We have received a copy of your letter of February 8 sent to Harry Alston of the Urban League. I am passing the word on to our staff people in Florida about the situation in Key West and I will ask them to contact Phil Waring in Jacksonville for further information. Any assistance we can be please let us know.

You might want to correspond directly with our staff people in Florida. The two staff members are William K. Williams, Executive Director and Howard D. Roberts, Assoc. Dir. Their address is 324 S. Beach Street, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

February 13, 1956

Mr. Edward W. McRae
Candler School of Theology
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. McRae:

Thank you for your generous words about my speech at the Wesley Fellowship at Emory the other night. I am in the process of collecting some material on the Churches position on integration for you and will send it under separate cover in the next day or so.

I appreciate the difficulty you will face when you return to Mississippi some two years hence as a Methodist minister but know that you will take hope in the Christian faith we both share and the knowledge that this time the Churches are surely on God's side in a most important question. Have you seen the newest issue of Motive? There are several articles on the Churches role in the South and quite a bit of reference to Mississippi in which the name of our state affiliate, The Mississippi Council on Human Relations plays a prominent role. I think you will gain confidence in what can be done in Mississippi from this publication.

You might find it helpful to write to Dr. G. McLeod Bryan at the Roberts School of Christianity, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, who is the Consultant to the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

February 13, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion, Exec. Dir.
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 E. Franklin St.
Richmond 19, Va.

Dear Jack:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th and I look forward to seeing you Friday evening or late afternoon at your office or at the Central Y. I will arrive on EAL flight 556 at 5:06 p. m. and will take a limousine on into town. I would like to stay at Virginia Union and the idea of a $2.00 lodging will greatly please George Mitchell.

The statement you enclosed containing activities and questions was clear and concise and will be of considerable help to the Consultants in understanding the situation of the Virginia Council.

I haven't given you up on the narrative report. In your case, because of the Gray amendment fight, I await with patience and understanding.

Best regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

P. S. I was much impressed with your letter to your Board members of which you sent me a copy.

February 13, 1956

Dr. William Jones, Jr.
Department of Sociology
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Bill:

Thanks very much for sending me a copy of the summary of our panel discussion. I very much enjoyed the sessions of the Council of Southern Mountains. I certainly got a great deal from the discussions and hope in some small way contributed to those discussions.

I look forward to seeing you when I come up to Tennessee in the near future. Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

February 13, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Thanks for your letter of February 8 enclosing attendance record of members of Executive Committee. I have taken the liberty of rearranging this in the descending order of attendance and enclose a copy herewith.

At the same time I am enclosing a proposed form of letter to members of the Executive Committee. I am by no means completely sold on the idea of issuing such a letter and will be governed entirely by Dr. Mitchell's decision after he has gotten views of the staff.

If the staff thinks that such a letter would accomplish some good, or more good than harm, I shall greatly appreciate you having a stenographer write individual letters to Committee members, following the enclosed form and making a sufficient number of copies of the tabulation to allow for including one with each letter. If the letters and tabulations are sent to me I shall be glad to sign them and get them out.

If in the staff there exists a substantial doubt on the wisdom of the idea, I am completely reconciled to abandoning the plan.

If ~~my~~ any revisions of the proposed letter seem to be in order, I should be glad to get your ideas before the letters are written. There is no hurry and we would want the job to be well done, if it is done at all.

With best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,
M. A. Wright
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MAW:ejg

February 13, 1956

Dr. Robert Johnson
AFSC
20 So. 12th St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

A short time ago Mr. John Hope suggested in a memorandum to this office that background material be supplied the consultants who were going to each of our state affiliates. There has been no opportunity for conferring with Mr. Hope prior to the Conference of Consultants with the Virginia Council, and I am not certain that the enclosed material is useful or the type desired.

The rough summary herein takes note of many of Virginia's pro-segregation and pro-integration activities. It does not purport to be all inclusive. Dr. Marion and Mr. Cooper can supply you with more detailed information and interpret the tenor of events and race relations in the state. A reprint of the program proposed by the Virginia Council on Human Relations is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant.

FBI:mf

Enc.

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Mr. Harry J. Walker
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

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February 13, 1956

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Abram:

This is to thank you for accepting the invitation to speak at Glen Memorial Church, February 20th at 7:30 p. m. I want you to know that the group is delighted that you will be with us.

Your subject is "Freedom and Equality Test of Democracy". I think this subject is elastic enough for you to tell us anything you wish, bringing in the Georgia picture.

We will be meeting in the Educational Building and there will be someone at the front door to direct you to the class room. It is really wonderful to have you in Georgia at the time when we need you so. A heartfull of thanks and good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

February 13, 1956

Mr. D. W. Brooks
308½ Evey St., N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Just a note to remind you that we are expecting you at the Glen Memorial Church and the group is eagerly awaiting your message. You know that you are to talk on "The United Nations" as you did for me at Haygood.

We will be meeting at 7:30 p. m. in the Educational Building and someone will be at the door to meet you to direct you to the class room.

We are deeply grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

February 13, 1956

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. E.

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is an emergency SOS to you.

The Church Women of South Carolina, under the leadership of the United Church Women, will have a meeting similar to the ones we have had in other states. They have been unable to find any lawyer who will talk to them about the legal aspects, not only of the Supreme Court Decision, but the evasive efforts being used. You really are a South Carolinean, so can't you s do this for us? Please advise us by return mail.

The meeting is to be held at the Parish House of the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1512 Blanding Street, Columbia, beginning at 10:30 and closing at 3:00 p. m. on March 6th.

Sincerely hoping you will find this possible, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

February 13, 1956

Mrs. George R. Martin
600 N. Twentieth St.
Birmingham 3, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Martin:

I can certainly say your letter also was a gracious letter. Please let me know anytime that you will be in Atlanta. It would certainly give me strength and courageous to have a conference with you.

I am delighted to know about Mrs. William McMurry. The next time I am in Birmingham I will try to let her know and if she will find it possible I will have a conference with her.

You are indeed a globe trotter and you are doing a magnificent work. With the best of wishes to you in all of it, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

February 13, 1956

Mrs. E. C. McDowell
Social Circle,
Georgia

Dear Mrs. McDowell:

I really am heartsick that your family did not let me know of your accident. I am so glad that you are recuperating. Please give me further facts about the honor the town is bestowing on you. It is a story I could use to good advantage. You who have been so forth right in Christian Action, going many times against the current opinion of your town and Church are being crowned with honor now by both your town and your Church.

I hope someone will write the story to our Church paper and also give it to the Atlanta papers. It is an honor well deserved and I am most appreciative of the action of Social Circle. A heart full of love to you. I remain

Yours sincerely,

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MET:mf

February 14, 1956

Mr. Arthur C. Churchill
241 East Street
Memphis 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Churchill:

Any County Agent's Office has got a stock of blank good farm ~~laws~~ leases. If you can't get one that way write to the Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. and tell them to send you some good sample blank farm laws and they will do it.

The argument as herewith in green.

Good book that ~~even hath~~ has bits about better ~~laws~~ leases coming at you separately.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 14, 1956

Mr. M. A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am enclosing the program of the Forty-fourth Annual Conference of the Council of Southern Mountains which met up in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and a copy of a news release on the symposium on which I participated. You will probably recognize the literary (?) style. Thought you'd be interested for it furthers our belief in what can be done in the mountain areas.

Best regard,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

Enc.

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February 14, 1956

Mr. Benjamin Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

Further on the matter of a law suit.

Morris Abram, representing George Mitchell privately, went to New York and conferred with distinguished lawyers accustomed to libel practice. Morris Abram thinks that this or that renowned firm would take the cases on a contingent-fee basis provided that $10,000 to $15,000 were set up ahead of time to be used for fine-tooth-comb research into the writings and stands of the libelled persons. Such an amount would merely pay for having the research performed, the fee to a law firm being contingent on damages awarded.

The appropriate sub-committee of the Board of the Southern Regional Council has given its blessing to private law suits of this kind. The sub-committee was Marion Wright, Rufus Clement, Leonard Haas, and George Mitchell.

Next thing is, where does the $15,000 come from?

George Mitchell is willing to put up one thousand himself. Hasn't got it but will get it. I rather think that some of the others will. In this connection we will approach Josephine Wilkins, Charles Johnson, Carter Wesley, Rufus Clement, Paul Christopher, and perhaps some of the six other libelled persons who have shown an interest in proceeding with cases.

What would you think about finding a thousand? It needn't be immediately in hand, but would have to be available when the need arose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

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Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

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Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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Box 3086
Houston, Texas

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Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 14, 1956

Mr. Charles Johnson, President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We are deeply grateful for your doing just what we hoped you would do about Dr. Will.

It will run in the February issue of New South and should be out now in ten days or so.

Deftly, surely, and sincerely done.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 14, 1956

Mr. I.W. Abel, Secretary-Treasurer
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Abel:

We are deeply grateful to you and Mr. McDonald and to the Steelworkers all for that heart-warming $1,000.

It's getting pretty tough hereabouts and we are truly glad for staunch friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 14, 1956

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I had opportunity to talk with Harold Fleming about your book-writing task. Harold says any Foundation would be unlikely to put up the dough for researchers when existing bodies are supposed to have the dope researched already. Harold also says that if you will provide in your application for your travel expenses while here for a couple of weeks we with what we have in this office would underpin you with a dickens of a lot of facts and could put you onto other sources for what we don't have. Pursue application as in your best judgment. We stand ready to be maximumly helpful at all times.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 14, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

This man as photographed herewith. The missing half of this letter I used to draw a picture for some visiting Britisher. No mystery - just blank paper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 14, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn School
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, S. C.

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council would like to meet at the Penn School on Friday and Saturday, July 20-21. Meetings start with supper on Friday and continue thorough mid-afternoon Saturday thus involving breakfast and luncheon as well, for a total of three meals and one night's accomodations. Usually 12-15 people meet for the sessions. We are interracial and both men and women attend.

Mr. Marion A. Wright, SRC President, speaks highly of you and the Penn School. Would you please notify me of costs involved for this proposed conference and whether you can confirm the dates requested.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Mr. G. S. Alexander
Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander

P. S. This meeting is scheduled to start Friday, 2:00 p. m.

February 14, 1956

Mr. Walter W. Anderson, Jr.
1200- 12th Avenue
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I do appreciate your writing.

There is nothing like a rule-book and nobody really knows what to do.

I will give you a few observations of what passes here as accumulated experience.

> There will be a swing-back quite soon toward reasonableness. Way to swing back is to get some white and Negro people together - quietly and circumspectly.
>
> Then begin to nail down the facts. Work with the facts together. Why, when, what, where, who and how?
>
> In making friends as you find the facts together you bring surging health back into ~~a~~ the community and throw out embryonic lines that will grow into a firm skeleton of understanding.
>
> I will give you a queer observation which may not be a rule but which I find works. When there is trouble most people say there is something wrong with the white people - we had better fan them down. I say some cause of disturbance exists among the Negro people and their restlessness has been communicated to white people. So the real way to work out tension is to solve the Negro grievances.
>
> So get your little group to work on exactly what the Negro grievances are and how they can be removed step by step.

Another good thing to remember is that Negro grievances almost never get aired. Contrive to get them stated and discretely circulated.

Of course, the propsect of desegregation at the University must be conceded. In my view disgraceful that they closed out the girl and didn't close down the University!

I guess Bob Hughes is your best source of continuing advice.

But you will find that such is the good sense and judiciousness of your local Negro community that systematic consultation with them will come close to leading you aright.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 14, 1956

Mr. Richard K. Bennett
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

I was in Dallas last Friday and Saturday. Meeting with my own people. Several of them happened in my hearing to praise what your girl down there is doing in job opportunities. The town simply resounded with the news that Nieman-Marcus had employed a Negro girl in some gratifyingly important capacity.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

February 14, 1956

TO: Florence Irving

FROM: George S. Mitchell

I was told in Texas the other day that North Texas College opened its doors to Negroes, December 2, 1955.

February 14, 1956

Mr. A.C. Miller, Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
Room 414, 161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

I was in Dallas the other day for the annual meeting of the Texas Commission on Race Relations. A man from your group named Foy Valentine was helpful and convincing as a participant on the right side.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 14, 1956

Mrs. Mabel Garrett Wagner, Executive Secretary
Bureau of Urban Work
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Wagner:

Of course I would love to come to Kansas City on May 30. Expenses and seventy-five dollars if you can find that much.

It should be made known to you that I will have been in St. Louis on May 18 for the National Federation of Settlements; and settlement people may be tired of me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 14, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Dudley Ward has an office in Chicago where he is Secretary of something called the Board of Social and Economic Relations of the Methodist Church. What I hear is that when some years ago there was an out-cry against that unoffical agency among the Methodists called the Methodist Federation for Social Action, the Church set up this other body to be sure of its behavior,

The local Methodist minister at Monroe is Oliphint. I don't know how it fell to Oliphint's lot to organize the now not-to-be-held three meetings. But Oliphint did it in conjunction with Dudley Ward.

Your man to deal with is Oliphint - about getting things going in Monroe.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 14, 1956

Mr. Herman Will, Jr., Administrative Secretary
Board of World Peace
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Will:

This confirms my suggestion today of the Rev. Jack Marion, Executive Director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations, 100 E. Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia, to speak to your group in Washington, February 22.

Sorry Irene Osborne is tied up on a tight schedule for various Georgia engagements.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Sent to Clement, Wright, Hancock, Dent, Wesley, Haas, Dabbs, Christopher, Griffin, Richardson, Shean, Wilkins, McDowell

February 14, 1956

Dear

It will be remembered that at the Board Meeting at Tuskegee the staff was requested to submit to the next meeting of the Executive Committee plans for a possible continuance of the Council after the expiry of the Fund for the Republic grant, in 1957.

This was done and available at the Executive Committee meeting January 20-21. But it was not reached for discussion in that meeting and was put over to the next meeting.

Meanwhile the suggestion has been made that the staff memos (summarized in George Mitchell's memo to the Executive Committee) be supplied in full to members of the Executive Committee. They are here so supplied and will repay study.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

George S Mitchell

GSM:mef

February 15, 1956

Mr. Scott Briar
Psychiatric Social Worker
The Menninger Foundation
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Briar:

Item - mat and dope herewith.

Many thanks for saving me a room at the Jayhawk hotel. I will look up the planes and will get word to you well in advance as to when I come and go. I will be at pains to be on hand; good weather or bad weather I will have lit out soon enough to get there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

February 15, 1956

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

When I was in Dallas I asked people to give me a workable address for Mr. R. O'Hara Lanier who is or was a Board Member at Dallas.

The best I could get was Washington Square College, New York University.

February 15, 1956

Mr. J.L. Clark
1421- 14th Street
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Mr. Clark:

I am sure it cost you a good deal of heart-searching to write your February 11th letter to Mrs. Crate. You have earned the right to have your wishes respected; and as long as this generation lasts we will all be your devoted friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

February 15, 1956

TO: Irene Osborne

FROM: George S. Mitchell

GSM goeth also to Highland. Driveth March 3, Saturday morning. Gladly drive you. Mitchell expects to return Sunday morning which might strand you but maybe we could work out deal.

February 15, 1956

Mr. Powhatan W. James
5105 Live Oak
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. James:

You and Mrs. James were most kind to me and I greatly enjoyed the visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 15, 1956

Professor Garnett Ryland
University of Richmond,
University of Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Ryland:

I was lately in Dallas on business and gave myself the pleasure of an afternoon visit with Pawhatan James. He knew that you had written the book but he had not see it nor had he seen it really described. If you will ask someone to send him a folder description of the book I rather think he will buy it; and he may persudde other Texans to do so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 15, 1956

Mr. Robert L. Bond, Chairman
Annual Conference
National Federation of Settlements
Goodrich Social Settlement
1420 East 31st Street
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bond:

Delighted to come to St. Louis Friday, May 18, for your 70th Anniversary occasion. And much honored to be at the same meeting as Lewis Mumford.

I have picked for a subject "Progress versus Prejudice in the South."

Our Southern Regional Council budget will be most grateful for your one-hundred dollar honorarium and I personally for having the expenses covered.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

M E M O

February 15, 1956

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

I was commissioned by Mrs. James R. Crate as Chairman on the Texas Commission on Race Relations to ask you to carry on the payroll after February 13 opening of business half-time Edward J. Kloppe. This is suggested for the full-time salary which has been paid to Tom Sutherland.

It is said that Kloppe's employment is temporary, not to exceed three months.

So I suggest that you set yourself a tickler three months hence to review the information again.

I think they intend to carry Mrs. Lombard some further.

February 15, 1956

Mr. Charles J. Mumford, Director
Department of Political Science
Southern Maryland Free State Library Association
P.O. Box 1493
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Mumford:

I wish I could help with free copies of our publications but we are too small and poor to have a free mailing list at all. I can send you the last four or five issues of New South and a copy of a bang-up pamphlet on the schools for free. But I think what you ought to do is to subscribe to New South for two dollars a year and it will come at you every month.

My respect for the good work that is being done in Annapolis.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 15, 1956

Mrs. Pauline Watkins Campbell
Department of Education
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Campbell:

This morning I duly called Curtis Dixon's office. Curtis is gone until one day next week. But I told his secretary to please, ma'am, to make a note that you remembered Curtis. She said she would and I am sure Curtis will cordially recall you.

Nice to sit near you. Do help our Texas people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 15, 1956

Mrs. Edwin C. White
2344 Gilmore Street
Jacksonville 4, Florida

Dear Bess,

It's been a long time since you have heard from me but I still cherish very much my association with you. Now I am turning a precious trust over to you and I am sure you already know something about the dear young couple who have been appointed to the Normandy Boulevard Church sponsored by the Riverside Park Methodist Church. The young pastor's wife, Marge Fiske, has been in our office for some months. She is a very wonderful person and we regret so much that she is leaving us but rejoice that she will be Florida's gain. I hope that you will meet them soon and will be a patron saint for them. I will love this for you and I will love it for them. They are leaving tomorrow.

A heartful of love to you always.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

MET:mf

February 15, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

We have set up two area meetings for the members of the newly formed SRC Finance Committee. The first meeting has been set for 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956, at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. This meeting will include representatives from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas in addition to you, Miss Wilkins, and Mr. Mitchell. The other area meeting has been set for 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16, 1956, at the SRC offices here in Atlanta. This meeting would include representatives from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia in addition to you, Miss Wilkins, and Mr. Mitchell.

We are sending out notices to the persons concerned in regards to these meetings.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. G.S. Mitchell

February 15, 1956

Dr. Albert W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

Thank you very much for agreeing to let us hold an area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee on Friday, March 9, 1956, at your college. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 2:00 P.M.

The following persons have been invited to attend this meeting:

1. Mr. Marion A. Wright
2. Miss Josephine Wilkins
3. Mr. George S. Mitchell
4. Prof. R.C. Raynaud, Lake Charles, La.
5. Mr. S.W. Miller, Jackson, Miss.
6. Mr. Charles A. Shaw, Houston, Tex.
7. Representative from Arkansas Council not yet named.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. G.S. Mitchell

February 15, 1956

Miss Florence Teague
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Miss Teague:

It was a lovely experience to be with you last week and you were more than good to me. My conscience hurts me because I did impose on you.

Please push that leaflet for me. It is so needed to combat all this misinterpretation of the Bible.

Enclosed you will find the prayer of our Honorable Eugene Cook. I wish I could pray like he does but than I'm not an Attorney General.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

Enc.

February 15, 1956

Mrs. Walter A. Davis
7 New Town Lane
Charleston 44, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

Your letters were mimeographed Monday and we have held them hoping that we would get the mailing list from you. Now that the time is runing short we are mailing you the envelopes and the letters so that you may direct them and get them out yourself.

We have written to Mr. Marian A. Wright, whom you possibly know, formerly of South Carolina, now living in North Carolina, to be your speaker on law.

You will note that we have directed a few envelopes. The Presbyterian names were given to us by the office here and the list from the Anti-Defamation League came from its office. Father Sheen from Rockhill, S.C. will come with two or three Catholic women.

You will note from the letter that you will be obligated to pay the travel of your denominational leaders. If this doesn't take all of your $200.00 you can use it for other travel. I would say by all means bring as many of your own officers as will come.

If there are any other things you need for us to do, please let me know. We are making workbooks for the use of your women.

Hoping you will have a successful meeting.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

February 15, 1956

Mrs. L. S. Ashley
1611 Drake Avenue
Ocala, Florida

Dear Mrs. Ashley:

I am so glad to tell you that we again have $200.00 to be used in a similar meeting to the one you had last year. Please be thinking about this and advise me as soon as you can what dates you think it would be possible for you to have the meeting.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

February 15, 1956

Mrs. Candler Tatum
2422 5th Avenue S.
Birmingham 5, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Tatum:

I am so glad to tell you that we again have $200.00 to be used in a similar meeting to the one you had last year. Please be thinking about this and advise me as soon as you can what dates you think it would be possible for you to have the meeting.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

February 15, 1956

Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait
6101 Louisville
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Goldthwait:

I am so glad to tell you that we again have $200.00 to be used in a similar meeting to the one you had last year. Please be thinking about this and advise me as soon as you can what dates you think it would be possible for you to have the meeting.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

February 15, 1956

Dr. Benjamin Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

Dr. Mitchell asked me to find some material for you on School segregation cases. We do not have a great deal of material available except in clippings but I am sending you a resume of cases prepared by our Research Assistant, Miss Florence Irving.

Dr. Mitchell mentioned that you would like the quote on the White Primary case and that is included in the January 1953 issue of New South which is included in the material sent under separate cover.

Aside from the material we have located, the only other things I can suggest would be that you would check the books:- The Negro and the Schools, Equality by Statutes, and The recent Citizen's Guide to Desegregation. Also, there are two law reviews which I suggest you check if they are available in your library. They are:- University of Pennsylvania Law Review article, Plessey versus Ferguson, R.I.P., which appeared October, 1954, and the Harvard Law Review article Segregation in the Public Schools 1953 which appeared January 1954. I hope these will be of aid to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Information Service.

JC:mf

February 15, 1956

Mrs. Thomas Strud
2524 Old Oaks Dr.
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Strud:

I hope you will find it entirely possible to have the meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned this year. I am glad to tell you that I have $300.00 that could be used to bring the leaders of your various denominations to a central place for a meeting on the problems that are facing the South today. I think you are familar with the type of meeting this is and the good results that have come from them. Please let me hear from you at what time you think you could have such a meeting so that I can get it on my schedule.

Awaiting to hear from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:mf

February 15, 1956

The Rev. J. A. McDaniel
Urban League
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mac,

I am about to make a swing through the state of Tennessee to see if we can't pull the program together and give it some direction programwise. Will spend one day each in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis. I expect to be in Memphis, Thursday, March the 1st. Could you get together a small group of key people that evening so that we might discuss our program and organization. I will spend the day Thursday visiting some community leaders and would appreciate your thoughts on whom I should talk with.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

February 15, 1956

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Woods:

I have discussed your proposition of becoming acting Office Manager for an interim period for the Tennessee Council with Dr. Mitchell. He feels as did I when I talked with you that this would be unwise in view of our established policy of separating the functions of the board and staff. We do not feel that it is wise for a board member, particularly a chairman or other high ranking officer, to resign their position to become a staff member. I recognize the difficulty in which Tennessee finds itself and trust that you activated the Personnel Committee we discussed that morning on the porch at Gatlinburg.

I plan to spend the week of February 27 - March 1 in Tennessee helping to pull together the board members and strengthen the organization. I will start on Monday in Chattanooga and go from there to Knoxville, across to Nashville and on to Memphis, spending one day in each place. In this way I will cover the state and hope to help stabilize and give direction to the Tennessee Council.

I will be in Knoxville on Tuesday the 28th. Would you please call together some key people for that evening. I will spend the day going about talking with some individuals on whom we have leads.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

February 15, 1956

Mr. Clarence L. Hughes
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
Room 420, Jackson Building
Cherry and Seventh Streets
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Clarence:

I am going to come up to Tennessee to see if I can't help strengthen the board and give some help to the board and organization. I am going to make a swing about the state: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis, spending one day in each place.

I will be in Chattanooga, Monday, February 27. Could you and Haskell Miller please call together some key people for that evening so that we may discuss Tennessee Council. Please include Mr. Henry L. Pearson.

You asked what we can provide in the way of free literature and materials and the answer I fear is very little at this period. However, we will send you a packet of New South's and whatever else we have today or tomorrow. Let me point out, too, that Tennessee has an excellent group of Consultants, that funds are available for their salaries and travel from this office per our agreement with the Tennessee Council in October. Why not make use of some of them in the Chattanooga area?

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

February 15, 1956

Dr. Bonita Valien
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bonita:

I am going to make a swing through the state of Tennessee to see if I can tighten the organisation a bit and give some further guidance to its direction. I will visit Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis, one day each. I will be in Nashville, Wednesday, the 29th. Would it be possible for you and Mollie Todd to get together a small group of key people that evening so that we can talk about strengthening the program and the organisation. What progress have you made with Walter Sharp?

The meeting I went to in Gatlinburg of the Southern Mountain's Council was very profitable and they resolved against segregation.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

Mr. Henry F. Shipherd,
Associate Director,
Highlander Folk School,
Monteagle,
TENNESSEE.

16th February, 1956.

Dear Henry,

I shall be glad to participate in the workshops at Highlander this summer. I don't know what specific times will be available at this point. I have discussed the matter with George Mitchell and he informs me that I may attend one of the workshops at Southern Regional Council expense, - that is, travel expense, but if you want me to attend the other two workshops it will be necessary for you to find funds for my travel. Because of my heavy schedule with our State Organizations I would count on spending one day with you in each of the workshops.

Best regards to Myles Horton and to you,

Sincerely,

(Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.)

FBR:rl.

Mr. Winslow Carlton,
41 West 57th Street,
New York 19,
NEW YORK.

16th February, 1956.

Dear Mr. Carlton,

I have received your letter requesting financial assistance for the Henry Street Settlement House and I enclose my cheque for $5.00. I note that you say that you at Henry Street are engaged in a twelve months a year struggle to smooth the splintery way of some of our less fortunate enighbours.

We at the Southern Regional Council are also engaged in something of the same process for we are one of the groups in the South who seek to assist the region in complying with the Supreme Court Decision on segregation, in good faith and reasonable speed.

I am enclosing for your information two of our promotion pamphlets and a most recent issue of our publication, New South.

Sihcerely yours,

(Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director).

Encls.
FBR:rl.

Dr. Benjamin Mays,
President,
Morehouse College,
Atlanta,
GEORGIA.

16th February, 1956.

Dear Dr. Mays,

Here is a clipping concerning the recent New Orleans decision which Dr. Mitchell thinks you might need to supplement the material we sent yesterday. Note especially the underlined portion.

Hope it will help.

Sincerely yours,

(John Constable,
Information Service.)

JC:rl.

February 16, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

You and Chris and the whole of Arkansas were extremely kind to me Sunday and Monday and I'm grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 16, 1956

Mrs. Emory Hill
3607 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Julia:

You were all as kind to me as could be and I'm deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Dr. Robert Menefee,
Box 1255,
Berea College,
Berea,
KENTUCKY.

16th February, 1956.

Dear Bob,

It was a real pleasure to be with you at Gatlinburg. I feel that you contributed greatly to the meeting and brought honour not only to yourself but to SRC since you represented us there. I have turned your expense account over to Mrs. Alexander, our Secretary-Treasurer, for processing. It will probably be sent out from this office on Monday.

I too felt that it was significant that the Council of Southern Mountains added their weight on the side of right in resolving that the Appalachian South should desegregate in the Fall of 1956.

Please keep in touch with us and let us know how things go.

Best personal regards,

(Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.)

FBR:rl.

Mrs. Maxine Lombard,
309, West 21st. Street,
Austin 5,
TEXAS.

16th February, 1956.

Dear Maxine,

George Mitchell told me of the very interesting annual meeting Texas held and informed me that you had elected a number of new people to the Board of Directors, and perhaps some new people to the Advisory Committee. Would you please send us a list of the complete Board of Directors as of the current date.

Please let me know how things are working out with you and the Austin office now that Tom is no longer with us. I surely hope you will stay for I feel you contributed much to the organization.

My regards to my friends there, but particularly your mother, Mrs. Christian.

Cordially,

(Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.)

FBR:rl.

Mrs. Margaret B. Crate,
2410 Inwood Drive,
Houston 19,
TEXAS.

16th February, 1956.

Dear Mrs. Crate,

George has told me of the very splendid meeting that the Texas Commission held this past weekend. We have just received your letter to Dr. Mitchell and I will reply to the questions therein for he is in route to Washington. We will pay the salary of the Rev. Ed. Kloppe. I personally feel that this is a good interim arrangement and Ed. Kloppe has my respect.

Would you be good enough please to summarize briefly the Texas Commission's employment experience with Tom Sutherland for our central SRC personnel files.

I have written Maxine Lombard requesting a list of the complete Board as of the present date, for I understand you added a number of people at the annual meeting. I think you are very fortunate in having Mr. Kenneth Holbert as your associate director and hope that he can secure the continued cooperation of Fred Schmidt and the CIO.

I know how very much you must miss Mrs. Hogue for she was such a splendid person I know, and the very dear friend of yours.

Best personal regards,

(Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.)

FBR:rl.

Mr. Davisson F. Dunlap,
Barnett National Bank Building,
Jacksonville,
FLORIDA.

16th February, 1956.

Dear Dave,

We have had a wonderful gal in this Office as Secretary. She is married to a very nice chap who is a Methodist Minister recently assigned to the Normandy Boulevard Church, which is sponsored by the Riverside Park Methodist Church - both in Jacksonville. The husband's name is Roy A. Fiske, and his wife is Marge. Their address will be 1544, Parish Place, Jacksonville, They have two youngsters.

Marge will probably be looking for a secretary's job down there. A bit of friendship from you and your good spouse would make them feel more welcome in Jacksonville.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Fred. B. Routh,
Assistant Director.)

FBR:RL.

February 16, 1956

Mr. Allen B. Stanger
Office of Director of Religious Activities
Lynchburg College
Lynchburg 6, Virginia

Dear Mr. Stanger:

I noted from somewhere else that Harry Wilson came from Paducah, Kentucky. Our Kentucky Council on Human Relations has a vacancy for an Executive Director and we have notified our Kentucky people that Mr. Wilson would probably be worth their getting in touch with. The man who has the matter in charge is:

Mr. W. H. Perry, Chairman
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
2320 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky

We try to keep a record of these cases of what we call Displaced Parsons.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Note:
I had a telephone call from Perry in Kentucky. They have fastened young fellow named Galen Martin presently employed in some kind of Co-op job in Washington. Berea-trained. So that one is shot down.

But we would like to help Mr. Wilson and will continue to be interested.

I suggest that Wilson get directly in touch with Oscar Lee, National Council of the Churches of Christ, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York.

Oscar has a dab of money, not more, for keeping an accurate list of guys getting in trouble for behaving themselves; and Oscar is supposed to have machinery to help find them new jobs.

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell
Signed by Fred Routh, Asst. Dir. for State Organizations, in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

February 16, 1956

Dr. Albert W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent:

George Mitchell was at home when you called, and asked me to confirm that his calendar is clear March 27, 28 and 29 and that he, Mitchell, will be at your workshop those days.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Friedman
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

mef/

Dear Sirs,

Our class 6-2 is having a debate on "Segregation" I would like to know how you feel about it.

Thank You

Brenda Yo

232 E 164 St

Bx 56 NY

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February 16, 1956

To HCF:

I do not venture any answer to Oliver. If you want to move on lining up the documents, do so. Or if you want to request an attorney to, line one up ~~[illegible]~~ and tell Oliver and get Oliver busy. I will be available Monday.

February 16, 1956

Mr. Fred K. Darragh, Chairman
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

An area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee has been set for 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956, at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the president's office in the administration building.

As yet the Arkansas Council has not sent us the name of a person selected to serve on this committee. However, we are urging that you send some representative to this meeting. It is very important that the finance committee proceed with its organization and plans for raising funds for the Council and its affiliates.

The travel expenses of a representative from your council will be paid by the Southern Regional Council.

Please let us know as early as possible whether or not a representative from your council will attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. Nat Griswold

SAME LETTER SENT TO; Mr. S.W. Miller
Mr. Charles A. Shaw

February 16, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
2206 Dowling
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

An area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee has been set for 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956, at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the president's office in the administration building.

We are urging that you make every possible effort to attend this meeting or send a representative. It is very important that this committee proceed with its organisation and plans for raising funds for the Council and its affiliates.

Your travel expenses to this meeting will be paid by the Southern Regional Council.

Please let us know as early as possible whether or not you can attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G.S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. M.A. Wright
State Chairman
State Executive Director

February 16, 1956

Mr. S. W. Miller
1503 West Pearl Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Miller:

An area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee has been set for 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956, at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana, The meeting will be held in the conference room of the president's office in the administration building.

We are urging that you make every possible effort to attend this meeting or send a representative. It is very important that this committee proceed with its organization and plans for raising funds for the Council and its affiliates.

Your travel expenses to this meeting will be paid by the Southern Regional Council.

Please let us know as early as possible whether or not you can attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. M.A. Wright
State Chairman
State Executive Director

February 16, 1956

Prof. R. C. Reynaud
1413 Mill Street
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Dear Prof. Reynaud:

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Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. M.A. Wright
State Chairman
State Executive Director ✓

February 17, 1956

Miss Helen Weill
Jordon House
Smith College
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Weill:

There have been many unpublicized as well as publicized, instances in which economic pressures have been applied against both Negro and white persons who have opposed segregation. I am sending you a list of some of the instances reported in the press in 1955. An excerpt from the NAACP Newsletter of April 7, 1955 is also enclosed.

The adoption of economic pressure as a weapon by groups resisting integration is discussed in an article, "Resistance Movements and Racial Desegregation," by Harold C. Fleming in the March 1956 issue of the Annals. This forthcoming issue deals solely with "Racial Desegregation and Integration."

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

February 17, 1956

Miss Joyce Engeholm
544 Duke Road
New Milford, New Jersey

Dear Miss Engeholm:

I am sending you a bibliography entitled "Desegregation in Education" and our publications list from which you may be able to select pamphlets to meet your needs.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

February 17, 1956

Miss Rosa Mae Kurtz
Park View
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Kurtz:

The information which you desire may be found in the 1950 United Census of Population. Possibly, you may wish to refer to the following:

U. S. Summary - General Characteristics, Bulletin P-B1
U. S. Summary - Detailed Characteristics, Bulletin P-C1
Virginia - General Characteristics, Bulletin P-B46
Virginia - Detailed Characteristicss, Bulletin P-C46

The above are probably available in the local library. If the U. S. Department of Commerce has an office in your vicinity, a staff member will guide you in the use of these publications within that office.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

Same letter sent to: Miss Betty Neal
" Rebecca Heyerly
" Barbara Woods

February 17, 1956

Mr. Bob Ross
Columbiana
Alabama

Dear Mr. Ross:

I am sending you our publications list from which you may be able to select those pamphlets that will meet your needs. Enclosed is a copy of New South for which you may send us twenty cents in coin or stamps.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

Same letter sent to: Curt Johnson and Herman Zeitler

February 17, 1956

Mr. Fred Szarzak
3547 W. Wolfram Street
Chicago 18, Illinois

Dear Mr. Szarzak:

I regret that the pamphlet Understanding Our Neighbors is not presently available for distribution. I am sending you our publications list from which you may be able to select other pamphlets of value to you. I would appreciate your sharing this list with your classmates who may have planned writing the Council for Understanding Our Neighbors.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

February 17, 1956

Mr. Joseph J. Schotland
9 Clinton Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Schotland:

We are sending you several pamphlets free of charge and the following for which the charge is Ninety (90¢) Cents.

Answers for Action	$ .20
Changing Patterns in the New South	.50
New South, January, 1956	.20

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

February 17, 1956

Mr. Dale Loar
517 North Lexington Avenue
Wilmore, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Loar:

I am sending you a bibliography prepared in our office to assist you in your study of integrated schools. The November 1955 issue of Educational Leadership (75 Cents for a single copy and available from 1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.) deals entirely with "Integrating Minority Groups into the Public Schools." It is a good concise appraisal.

A great deal of information on Kentucky school integration is contained in the September 1955 - February 1956 issues of Southern School News, P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee. In addition, an article entitled "Integration Trial Balance" appeared in the Courier-Journal (Louisville), Section 3, on September 18, 1955.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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February 17, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206 - Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Rev. Hughes:

An area meeting for members of the newly-formed SRC Finance Committee will be held 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16, 1956, in Atlanta at the SRC office.

As yet the Alabama Council has not sent us the name of a person selected to serve on this committee. However, we are urging that you send some representative to this meeting. It is very important that the finance committee proceed with its organization and plans for raising funds for the Council and its affiliates.

Please let us know as early as possible whether or not a representative from your council will attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

Copy: Guy Wells

February 20, 1956

Mr. Morton L. Weiss
245 North Highland Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 6, Georgia

Dear Mr. Weiss:

We are very grateful to you indeed for the one-hundred dollars, one-half of which is being sent to the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation.

Two or three months ago the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, acting for the Board, undertook to set up a South-wide Finance Committee. In order to clear as agreeably as possible with each of the twelve assisting State organizations, we asked each State office to name somebody to be on the Southern Regional Council Finance Committee. We further agreed that whatever might be raised within each State for this general cause would be split fifty-fifty between the State organization and SRC.

The Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation was a bit behind some of the others in naming a man to be on the Southern Regional Council Finance Committee. I suggested that since you had already been kind enough to agree to serve SRC, the Georgia Committee put your name forward as one whom it would agree to be the Georgia person on the SRC Finance Committee. And Mr. Wells was delighted. And forewith telephoned you.

I don't blame him for confusing you a bit; it is confusing.

But simple enough as it will work out I'm sure.

The South-wide Finance Committee of SRC is to meet at two spots at two different dates: those for the Southwest States will be meeting in New Orleans on Friday, March 9, 1956, at Dillard University;

those for the more Easterly States in the South will be meeting in Atlanta at the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., March 16, 1956, at 2:00 P.M. This Atlanta one is the one to which you should come if you will be in town. If you won't be here we shall just have to miss you.

But I will make note of some things we will be asking you to do and will come out to see you when you are safely back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 20, 1956

Mr. Leon M. Adkins, Executive Secretary
The General Board of Education
The Methodist Church
The Division of the Local Church
1001 Nineteenth Avenue South
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Adkins:

The older I get the more I admire the Methodist Church and the General Board of Education. I had the firmest cause to admire Dr. Schisler and shall expect to transfer my appreciation to you.

To tell the truth I have known for many years that when the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation found no place in its 1944 reorganization as Southern Regional Council for Dr. Eleazer, it was the Methodist Church in Nashville and I suppose the General Board of Education which graciously found substantial use for his great abilities - and I have deeply praised that wise and good act.

We continue most grateful for your new help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

February 20, 1956

Mr. A. Dudley Ward, Executive Secretary
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ward:

It is all right about the Louisiana meeting; worry not. I must tell you my doctrine about the second heat.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 26, 1956

Mrs. Miriam F. Garwood
Field Consultant
Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.
501 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Garwood:

We will be glad to have you in Atlanta March 12, and I will be glad to do anything I can to be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 20, 1956

Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
15 North McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

My dear Bishop Waters:

You delight my heart!

We are shipping separately a bundle of back issues of New South:

May 1955 - 20 copies
June 1955 - 20 copies
July-August 1955 - 20 copies
September 1955 - 20 copies
October 1955 - 20 copies
November 1955 - 20 copies
January 1956 - 20 copies
February 1956 - 20 copies

How very kind of you to subscribe for the group at Raleigh. We are very much strengthened by having these new subscribers. Our Secretary-Treasurer puts in a bill for the new subscribers.

And if later similar bodies in Charlotte, Durham and Greensboro want to get New South, we will be overjoyed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef
Encl.

February 20, 1956

Mr. A.C. Miller, Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

Many thanks for your kind letter of February 14.

We will enter your subscription for New South and will send the Commission a bill.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 26, 1956

Dr. Arthur J. Mekeel
Committee on the Leaders Program
American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mekeel:

Miss Qureshi duly came and went away Thursday morning to Chehaw and Tuskegee. She was a delightful guest and we are glad we had her.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 26, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

At the end of October I wrote Montgomery Bradley at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and told him about our need for money for a program to teach our State people things to do. Previously I had told Montgomery Bradley that I will take some early opportunity to reach people in Arkansas who knew Winthrop Rockefeller. I was in Little Rock Monday, February 13. Went to see Mr. Rockefeller's lawyer whom I used to teach at Columbia. Young man undertook to lay the matter before Winthrop Rockefeller before the end of February.

Not the kind of information I care to write Montgomery Bradley but if you had an opportunity to tell him that I had indeed been to see my Little Rock friends, I would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 20, 1956

Mr. Harry M. Wilson, Pastor
First Christian Church
Jefferson Avenue and Patton Street
Danville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Wilson:

As soon as the people at Lynchburg College told us that you were probably available we noted your name for a vacancy as Executive Director of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations. Unfortunately despite telephone efforts the letter got there after the meeting and at their meeting they picked a man to run their show.

Meanwhile we have told Oscar Lee that we hear you are a good guy. I had word from Oscar last Thursday that he is trying to get your denomination to be helpful and is seeking solutions for you.

I am sorry to see Danville lose another brave man. It can use more than it has.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 20, 1956

Mr. E.A. McDowell
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McDowell:

My apologies for the item sent you the other day as though you were a Member of the Executive Committee. I'm quite aware that you said you would not serve. I have instituted a track-down in the office of all lists whatsoever that show you as a Member of the Executive Committee. I have cleared your name on about six lists but if one escapes me, forgive me.

Sincerely and appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 20, 1956

Mrs. H.H. Ratliff
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Ratliff:

I would personally appreciate your advice on this matter.

Fred Routh reminds me that Monsignor Brunini's brothers are able in the law.

Informal, unofficial inquiry of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

(ACLU encl. on Till case)

February 20, 1956

Mrs. Margaret Degan
114 S. Bemiston
Clayton 5, Missouri

Dear Maggie:

Gibbons has never sent an answer to my letter to him of February 8.

Will you consider taking any early opportunity to see whether he would receive me if I came up sometime in March or April. If yes, then I will write him to fix a date.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 20, 1956

Miss Elizabeth Stein
1008 Monroe Drive
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

Thank you for writing February 10.

It does look pretty bad but it is bound to get better. We all feel bolstered by the New Orleans federal court decision.

For a pleasant bit I hand you this.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Montgomery, Alabama, has had a lot of strain in recent weeks because (for sufficient reasons) Negro citizens have been refusing to ride the buses. A Negro minister from Montgomery was lately visiting a Texas College President. "Yes," said the Montgomery man, " it looks bad. The white people have run out of arguments. They haven't got any more moral argument, they haven't got any more religious argument, and they haven't got any more legal argument. And they've taken to violence. But, Reverend," he said, "WE haven't run out of arguments, and there won't be any trouble."

Copy - Fred Routh

February 20, 1956

Mr. Algernon D. Black, Education Director
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Algernon:

We will want to help in any way we can.

Excellent idea to put some special emphasis this Summer on young people - Negro and white from the South.

I will be glad to ask our twelve Southern State affiliates to help recruit, when the time comes.

On being at your luncheon Saturday, March 24. Perfectly willing and pleased to come but no money for travel to New York and I don't suppose you want to put a hundred dollars travel expenses more or less on it. So I have marked it on my calendar as "Possible - Improbable"

In Nashville, Tennessee, begin with Mrs. Bonita Valien on the staff at Fisk.

Also John Hope there at Fisk.

In Louisville, begin with C.H. Parrish, the Negro professor at the University of Louisville (carried over from the old suppressed Negro Municipal College). If C.H. Parrish is not available begin with W.H. Perry, Chairman, Kentucky Council on Human Relations 2320 West Chestnut Street (ARlington 5633) or with the wife of the Editor of the Negro newspaper in Louisville, which wife's name begins with Hortense. On staff: I have consulted Fred Routh, who helps me and who knows you and the Encampment, etc. We both agree that an oustanding candidate is a long-legged gal now in Baltimore, by name Terry King, more correctly Mrs. Blake King. Her husband is an engineering graduate student at Johns Hopkins University. She is twenty-eight or thereabouts. Crisp, experienced, gentle, imaginative - a humdinger. Ran the Dade County Council on Human Relations for the only ten months it ever ran tickingly.

Sorry no better address but you could ~~tick~~ dig her out.

Further on staff: Fred Routh will write you as to good people he knows.

Command us and we will help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 20, 1956

Mrs. Annie McIver Rogers
Bethleheam Center
397 Highland Avenue
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Rogers:

Dr. Will Alexander (who died a month ago) said once that the United States of America might thank its lucky stars that the organization which for more than forty years has best represented its most oppressed racial minority has sought a program no more radical than the full enforcement of the Constitution of the United States. He said that was lawful, that was orderly, that was dutiful, that was American.

I can remember vaguely that a number of years ago I heard rumblings the Communists were trying to get a foothold in the NAACP and at the next NAACP conference they were thrown out with a great noise.

I know a good many of the people who run the NAACP and I don't know any Communists among them.

All of the advice I have had hereabouts is that it's not the Southern Regional Council's business to defend the NAACP from the charge of being Communist-connected; that it is the NAACP's business. And I guess that's right.

The right thing to do is to write to the NAACP, 20 West 40th Street, New York 28, New York, and summarize the nature of the charges you have heard; ask them to answer the charges. They will.

There is of course the further fact that if the NAACP were a Communist organization, it would be listed by the Attorney-General. It has never been listed by the Attorney-General, and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has praised it.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

20 Feb 1956

Rev. Rufus Morgan
Route # 1
Franklin, N.C.

Dear Mr. Morgan,

What a very real pleasure it was to be with the Council of Southern Mountains in Gatlinburg, Tenn. ! You lead a spirited group of dedicated people who have the interest of all the mountain people on their conscience; who act without paternalism in accordance with this interest. I was deeply moved by the resolution they passed urging Appalachian communities to desegregate this Fall.

I have entered your name for a gift subscription to our publication NEW SOUTH for we feel here that key community and regional people, such as you, are vitally interested in what is happening in the South.

Anything we may do to help the Council of Southern Mountains we are willing to try. Would you please put us on your mailing list for the Newsletter ?

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

February 20, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

If you either wrote Miss Elizabeth Bradley at the Child Study Association of America, 132 East 74th Street, New York 21, New York, or sent us material to send her I have not yet seen it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell
Signed by his secretary

GSM:
Letter given to Mr. Hope when he came into office Thursday afternoon, February 16.
bf

February 20, 1956

Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O Box 6156
Acklen Station
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

We have not received the February 1956 Southern School News. We would appreciate your sending us the number of copies for which our subscription is entered.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

February 20, 1956

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
934 Lee Street
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Dear Ocie Lee:

Somebody high up amongst the Methodists called off our Louisiana meetings and I'm not coming. When I see you I can tell you more of what little I know of the story.

Will answer in more detail later but meanwhile here is our tribute to Dr. Alexander.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Mr. Marion A. Wright,
"Top Knot",
Linville Falls,
NORTH CAROLINA.

20th February, 1956.

Dear Mr. Wright,

According to our telephone conversation I have checked the air line schedule and suggest the following:

Leave New Orleans on March 9th --- 6.35 P.M.
Arrive Atlanta --- --- --- 9.51 P.M.
Via Delta Flight No. 902.
(Spend the night in Atlanta.)

Leave Atlanta on March 10th --- --- 7.00 P.M.
Arrive Charleston, S.C. --- --- 9.11 P.M.
Via Delta Flight No. 470.

Dr. Mitchell also will have to follow the same schedule since he is to be in South Carolina. He is of the opinion that there will be enough time for the meeting if it starts promptly at 2.00 P.M.

Please advise if you desire us to make reservations for you and purchase the ticket here in Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

(G.S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant.)

GSA:rl.
c.c. GSA.

Mr. Algernon D. Black,
Encampment for Citizenship,
2 West 64th Street,
New York 23, NEW YORK.

20th February, 1956.

Dear Algernon,

George Mitchell wrote you this morning saying that we would be glad to cooperate with you on the summer encampment in any way possible, and said that I would write you as to some good people who might serve on your staff. I am enclosing a list of six people with a note about each, all of whom I feel would do credit to the encampment. You will remember that George mentioned Mrs. Terry King who is now at Baltimore. She is probably one of the most able people in the South in the field of human relations. Two people on the list I am enclosing - Mrs. Charles Williams and Miss Marie Roberts - are equally outstanding. All of the people listed are well above average, and would do a good job for you. I knew them back in the days when I was teaching at the University of Miami.

As to recruitment of young people for the summer encampment, we could help out on that by advising our state staff people of the opportunities you provide for young people. I would suggest that you do not limit attendance from the South to the states in which progress is actually being made. Young people from the so called 'hard core' states are in desperate need of a national perspective of their problems.

As I believe, you offer scholarships to this encampment. Am I correct on that? If so, we could probably choose two students from each of the 12 states in which we work to send to the encampment. It would be good, I think, if we could send one white and one Negro high school student to the encampment.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

(Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director.)

Encl.
FBR:rl.

Mr. Harry S. Jones,
North Carolina Council on Human Relations,
121, East Third Street,
Room 209,
Cgarlotte, N.C.

20th February, 1956.

Dear Harry,

Enclosed is a copy of some material put out by Americanism Lecture Services in Asheville. The one entitled "Segregation ?" has a reference to the Council. That portion is enclosed in the material.

Marion Wright suggests that you might be able to find out who is financing this little venture. Let us know what you can discover.

Sincerely,

(John Constable,
Information Service).

JC:rl.
Encls.

February 20, 1956

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
934 Lee Street
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Dear Ocie Lee:

I wrote to you right away when you said you were still expecting me to turn up.

I have nothing more to add except that it is true McGill wobbles.

I am to be in New Orleans March 27, 28 and 29 at Dillard for some kind of workshop of high-school principals. Maybe they will rope you into that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 20, 1956

Mr. Jack C. Morris
Educational Committee
United Steelworkers of America
Local Number 309
P.O. Box 268
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Jack Morris:

To answer you questions one by one:

1. There is no movie that contains the information in my map speech. The Methodist Church says they are about to do a film-strip on it. They have it down on a tape-recording and will do the maps to go with it, but it is months before it will be done.

2. There is nothing in writing that resembles the map speech. There is a big thick book long out of print by Rupert Vance called *The Human Geography of the South*. My speech mainly jazzes up what is in Vance's book. But you need it jazzed and it has never been jazzed up in print. On the other hand, the map printed in the back of *Answers for Action* (herewith) will repay study. Much of what is in the map speech is on that map.

3. I guess I could write what the State Labor Journal might consider. And of course it would have to be four or five short pieces as you suggest. But I never have written it out and I am busy and I'm a halting writer anyway. But if I got pushed I could write it. Meanwhile I hand you as printable and not thus far printed by anybody some of what I said to your Local. If you can print it - shoot it free.

Alice and I had a grand time being there. We would only want to come back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

The Rev. Caxton Doggett,
Rader Memorial Methodist Church,
205 Northeast 87th Street,
Miami 38,
FLORIDA.

20th February, 1956.

Dear Reverend Doggett,

Thank you for your letter. I have now found that my schedule has had to be rearranged, so already the dates I gave you first are no longer the right ones. This is one of the recurring hazards of my job.

I now find that I am scheduled to be in Mississippi April 23 - 27, so that I could not come to Miami on the dates April 24, 25, or 26. However, if it is any help to you I could be available April 9 through 13. April 3rd. would be possible for me, though a bit difficult.

Dr. Mitchell says we could work out a fifty-fifty split of the travel cost.

I am sorry that these changes of schedule make it very difficult to negotiate these matters. We all wish you every success in working out the annual meeting, and hope that it will be possible for us to help.

Best regards,

IO:rl.

(Irene Osborne).

Mr. F. Woods Beckman,
5908 Magazine Road,
Knoxville 20,
TENNESSEE.

20th February, 1956.

Dear Mr. Beckman,

Thank you for your letter about my visit to Tennessee in March. The plans for the Knoxville workshops on Saturday, March 17th, sound very good, and I will be glad to arrange the schedule in order to be there. I concur with the idea of starting the week on Tuesday and leaving Monday unscheduled.

Would you ask whoever is in charge of the workshop to write me some details about the role they would like me to take. Also, can I hear from someone in Nashville and Memphis about specific plans for my visits there?

I quite agree about leaving the Knoxville visit unpublicized. I always believe in leaving this decision to local people.

Best regards to you and to Mrs. Beckman. I'll be looking forward to my trip to Tennessee.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Osborne

IO/rl

MEMORANDUM. 20.2.1956.

TO: Dick Bennett.

FROM: Irene Osborne.

I have two invitations to check with you:

Highlander Folk School wants me as a consultant on the Public School Integration workshops. Three workshops are scheduled for July 15 - 21, August 5 - 11, August 19 - 25. I can come for as much as possible in all of the three. They are willing to wait a bit to work out dates for my being there, but would like to have a commitment that I can serve for part of the time as a consultant.

Marjorie Penney asks me to be at Fellowship Farm on June 3 to tell them what Northerners should know about the South. They will pay expenses.

If you want to write direct to Henry Shipherd and Marjorie Penney and send me copies, that is all right. You can let me know what you tell them.

You might like to know that I am to be in Washington April 5 to 7 to speak to the American Public Relations Association. The Fellowship for the Republic is going to pay the bill. Let me know if you will be anywhere in those parts.

I have just returned from South Carolina where I had a rugged but rip-roaring and interesting trip, and am convinced that someday they will come into the union.

February 21, 1956

Mr. Gordon W. Lovejoy,
Educational Consultant
The National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc.
P.O. Box 578,
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Gordon:

Nice to hear from you and nice to have you still plugging for good things.

We just have a firm rule we don't send out New South for free.

I have written each of your named persons as enclosed.

Come to see us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Copy - Mr. Lovejoy

February 21, 1956

Dr. T.H. Broad, Principal
Daniel Webster High School
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Broad:

Gordon Lovejoy told me that you were interested in getting copies of New South.

Miserably we simply have no free mailing lists. I send you the latest issue and beg you to become a subscriber (blank on the back).

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy - Gordon Lovejoy

February 21, 1956

Dr. Edward A. Huth, Chairman
Department of Sociology
University of Dayton
Dayton 9, Ohio

Dear Mr. Huth:

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Sincerely,

George S, Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy - Gordon Lovejoy

February 21, 1956

Dr. John P. Milligan, Associate Commissioner
and Director, Division against Discrimination
New Jersey State Department of Education
1060 Broad Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Milligan:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 21, 1956

Mr. J.K. Haynes, Executive Secretary
Louisiana Education Association
1335 North Boulevard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Haynes:

Nice to hear from you and nice to have a subscriber to New South.

The Council itself no longer has anybody as members except its Board of Directors. By a convulsive act of self-sacrifice we handed our members over to our State organizations. In Louisiana you have the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. A young man named Milton Vigo is the Executive Director of it and has an office at 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, New Orleans, La. A good bunch and I hope you will lend them your strength.

I am to be at Dillard March 27, 28 and 29 for the High-school Principals' workshop. And I hope I will see you there.

I think the Louisiana Council charges people five dollars a year of which two dollars comes into us to pay for New South. So if you would join them you would get by with three dollars.

Warm regards,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 21, 1956

Mr. Milton Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

We have arranged a meeting for the most Southwest members of the SRC Finance Committee at Dillard, Friday, March 9. Marion Wright will be there and I will be there. Others invited are:

Josephine Wilkins
Prof. R.C. Reynaud, Lake Charles, La.
S.W. Miller, Jackson, Mississippi
Charles A. Shaw, Houston, Texas
Albert W. Dent
Representative from Arkansas Council not yet named.

If it will do you any good organizationally I will be glad to be in New Orleans in the course of Thursday, March 8, but I don't think you are going to need me.

I have to shoo myself out of New Orleans Friday night to get to Charleston, South Carolina, by Saturday morning.

The other day Dr. Dent called me and said they would be having at Dillard on March 27, 28 and 29 a workshop of High-school Principals. I judge these will be almost entirely Negro principals. They will get down Charles Thompson from Howard and Dr. John W. Davis, who is trying to arrange for complete use of Negro teachers under integration; and me. The head boss of the conference is Dr. Violet K. Richards, Chairman of Dillard's Department of Education.

All of which means I will be resident in your nice city at Dillard those three days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 21, 1956

Mr. H.A. Gerrity
St. Peter Claver Center
814 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Gerrity:

You are very kind and I would love to come. I expect I will drive up and can undertake to be available for all Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, and will do my best to show up by the evening of May 25.

Kind of you to be willing to pay expenses. I'll keep them as low as possible - and in any case not to exceed cost of travel by rail.

I know that Blue Ridge country and am indeed kin to people named Burnley though I have some reason not to boast of it!

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

February 21, 1956

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

RE: Travel advance for Mr. Whitney Young

Mr. Whitney Young as a consultant to the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation has been asked to attend an important policy planning meeting in New York at the end of February. Expenses not available for the trip.

I have agreed that SRC will bear fifty dollars of expenses and Guy Wells agreed that Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation will bear fifty dollars of expneses.

Whitney Young would like his fifty dollars to reach him as a travel advance in the next day or so. Will you therefore send him a check for fifty dollars as travel advance?

Sincerely,

February 21, 1956

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

I'll be glad to confirm the appointments for Friday, March 9, including the governor and the Winston-Salem press. I'm answering that you can plan the transportation so that this is possible. Where are we seeing the governor? I'll hope to arrive on Thursday night in whatever city we are seeing him.

I'll be in the Atlanta office February 27 through March 2, so we can be in touch if need be.

Best regards to all there.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/rha

February 21, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street - Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

I've a note from Tartt Bell that he has arranged for me to see the governor on Friday morning, March 9, and to meet later with the Winston-Salem papers. He did not say where we are seeing the governor, but I have written to ask him. Can you arrange things so that I can arrive wherever it is on Thursday night?

I'm planning to arrive by plane from Chattanooga in the afternoon of Monday, March 5. If that is too late for something you have planned, let me know and I will arrange to come on Sunday.

I'll be in the Atlanta office from now until March 2, so we can be in touch if need be.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO/rha

February 22, 1956

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

About agricultural credit.

My advice, for what it is worth, to all and sundry has been, "Don't you go setting up an agricultural credit agency. You will be ten years extricating yourself, you will be drained of administrative money to keep it going, and you'll get drawn in deeper and deeper. Besides, doing the credit is the very business of the Farmers Home Administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture." And notice this: FHA has long put out the rule to its local people, "Lend no money to anybody who won't bring a note from his banker saying the bank won't lend him the money (or won't at passable rates of interest)." In these instances the Government is hooked on its own caution: here are the banks that say spitefully, "No, we won't lend you any money." So the man's proper and authorized recourse is to the Farmers Home Administration. It has or can get the money, and has the administrative machinery. Only thing it probably hasn't got is the will and the independence to act. That the present National Administration will have to put in. If they won't, I don't know how to get the credit out.

All of which info I have passed on to people who ought to be able to do something about it.

I don't know what happens about the extra money for 1956-57, and on present showing, don't know where it would come from.

So you'd better count on trying to raise it. But as the months wear along there may be some hope of further help on that from here.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February ~~21~~ 22, 1956

Mr. George Stoney
1832 Biltmore Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear George:

The Cosmos Club now charges an initiation fee of one-hundred dollars and dues annually for a resident of the nearby territory are seventy-five dollars but will go up (moderately I hope) in April.

To propose you I need some dope for the blank. Would you answer me the following questions?

1. What is your profession? Are you an economist, a technician, a raconteur, a documentarist or what?
2. Place and date of birth.
3. Present occupation or position.
4. College education and degrees, with dates.
5. Activities and connections, with dates.
6. Publications
7. Membership in societies and groups, including positions held and honors conferred.

In my experience, which is limited, the Admissions Committee places the greatest weight on the pre-requisite of "meritorious original work." In ages past that meant that friends of the ~~Gisch~~ geezer submitted a stack of the ~~Gizeh's~~ geezer's books and if the books were decent books the ~~Gizeh~~ geezer got in.

In any case your books are movie-flicks. I do not suppose that even if the rolls of film were handed over to the Committee they will bother to look at them (though that is the way they find out if you are a good egg or not). So I suppose we are constricted to sending them what qualified critics may have said in print about the honorable George as a movie-maker or the honorable George's movies.

Maybe the thing to do is to offer them through me the loan of film for one or two or three super-duper George Stoney movie flicks; give 'em some write-ups; sprinkle in a letter or two from one famous in ~~thou~~ thy art and let it go.

I suppose also that any alert admissions committee would query club members or outside persons believed knowledgeable in matters of movies. What would you think of listing for me the names of a couple of persons technically and artistically literate in your field to whom the Committee might turn to for advice?

Let me know what you want to do and I will move it. I opine that the Club would invite you in gladly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 22, 1956

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Jack Morris at Maryville wrote me a few days ago, and asked if I could be persuaded to do a series of columns - say one a week for a while - in the Tennessee Labor Paper. I sent him one, too look at, and try around. And this morning I did another. Both herewith.

Will you worry about what's in the idea? It could be maybe reach many papers - though I quite know a flock of 'em wouldn't take my stuff. Still, I would value what your mind says.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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February 22, 1956

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Dr. Will's boy John wants back in the South to do our kind of thing. Been teaching philosophy at Columbia. Lately (and now) in Virgin Islands, where wife has a flower-shop, or something. I am anxious to follow through on John's plea for help in landing him. Highly good egg. Suggest you investigate. Hissaddress:

12 Crystal Gade
St. Thomas,
Virgin Islands

Bill Alexander, at Chapel Hill and Durms, would know all about.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy - Mr. Abner N. Locklear
Prospect High School
Route No. 3
Maxton, North Carolina

February 22, 1956

Mr. C. McDowell Davis, President
Atlantic Coast Line Railroad
Wilmington, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Davis:

This is an appeal to the Atlantic Coast Line to consider the town of Pembroke, North Carolina, as a place to put the new branch office that is to move, we hear, from Wilmington.

Pembroke is no great shakes for size, as people on the Coast Line will know. But it has deserts. And some mighty nice people.

I have known the town and the Indian country around it for a good many years, and occasionally pretty intimately. It is an area of population pressure. The Indian people there are climbing fast into land ownership, and land ownership always makes for young 'uns with no land to own. And the land around is not generally open to Indian occupancy. Also the area is traditionally a plantation country, with little or no industrial opportunity. And lastly, the Indian people find an assured place in local society, and excursions into the rest of the world have often led to return to what opportunity there might be in the Pembroke area.

On all of which counts the town need industry and opportunity. And whoever is smart enough to light there will be rewarded with services of a people of great competence, unusual diligence, and habits of honest work.

If your new office doesn't light in Pembroke, I appeal for some quite special effort on the part of your industrial section. Pembboke likes the ACL, and the ACL could grow much the faster if Pembroke had its deserts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 22, 1956

Mr. W.H. Perry, Chairman
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
2320 West Chesnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Perry:

This is to express the Council's formal approval of employment by the Kentucky Council on Human Relations of Mr. Galen A. Martin, concerning whom you wrote February 18.

We are much impressed with his record, friends, and prospects.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

P.S. We return the file material which you so kindly sent us.

February 22, 1956

Mr. Arthur B. Caldwell, Chief
Civil Rights Section
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Enjoyed my visit Friday.

Have looked through pretty closely the University of Pennsylvania speech in the revised October 1955 version. Ex~~c~~cellent summary of what the Section does.

I wish I had been quick enough on Friday to see that I would need a copy for each of the twelve component State bodies helped by the Southern Regional Council.

Their names are attached.

If you will have someone be kind enough to send twelve copies of the speech I will send one copy to each State outfit and our people can find out what the Civil Rights Section is all about.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

February 22, 1956

Mr. Arnold Aronson, Secretary
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Arnie:

Thank you for your February 20 letter about the conference coming up in Washington, March 4, 5 and 6.

The Southern Regional Council has virtually no available political pressure and it seems to me that the meeting is mainly one involving organized political pressure. I haven't got anybody who will be up that way on the given dates. Some of our people may show but they will come, if they do, unofficially and out of their own interest.

Dean C.C. Travelstead has now been translated to his job at the University of New Mexico at Albarquerque. Correspond with him there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

February 22, 1956

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

RE: Employment of Galen A. Martin as Exec. Dir. of Ky CHR

We have heard from Kentucky that they propose to employ about March 1 Galen A. Martin as Executive Director at a salary of $5,000 per year.

Consult Fred as to whether does actually come to work on March 1 or not.

MEMO

February 22, 1956

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

Will you please consult the files as to availability of certificates by appropriate State officers for administrative and clerical personnel presently being paid by our State groups?

I dare say some of those more recently employed are not covered by certificates.

If you notify me which are not so covered, I will correspond with the appropriate over-officers with a view to getting the certificates snuggled in.

MEMO

February 22, 1956

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

Some of those presently in the employ of our central office I see are not covered by certificates. If you will list them for me and prepare certificates for signature I will execute the certificates where candidates are deemed worthy.

February 23, 1956

Rev. G. Jackson Stafford, Chaplain
Veterans Administration Hospital
Dublin, Georgia

Dear Rev. Stafford:

Very nice to hear from you under circumstances no longer beleaguered.

By our reports you paid in ten solid dollars to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations in October. They sent it to us in November. We must have sent you an issue or two of New South at Batesburg and we have specially mailed the January and February 1956 issues to you at Dublin, and we are sending November and December of 1955 to Dublin today. And henceforth to you at Dublin.

We send back your check - a work of super-erogation.

Admiringly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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MEMO

February 23, 1956

TO: MET

FROM: GSM

Your Pierson called. His topic is an outgrowth of the expansion program - one of the eight parts of which is "The Work of the Methodist Church in Negro Education." Payne College and so on. I could see that he was hoping that I, Mitchell, had in that field. I told him I knew Payne and liked it but had no direct knowledge of the Methodist effort in Negro education; and had indeed supposed from you that what was wished was answers to broader questions from the congregation. Mitchell suggested that if Pierson's need was for someone on the narrower subject, Pierson try out Harry Richardson and Arthur Gilmore. Pierson said his congregation probably would not stay for a Negro speaker and he, Pierson, would approach Gilmore. I remain, as I told Pierson, willing to pinch hit if he can not find a speaker more agreeably slotted for Pierson's need.

February 23, 1956

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Bradley,
Community Relations
Child Study Association of America
132 East 74th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Bradley:

I told you I was writing to John Hope for comment on the advised program.

Comment he did at length and to excellent effect.

I have our copy of his letter and you may have the handsome original.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls.

Copy - Wm. Gibbons
Arlington, Va.

February 23, 1956

Dr. Ken Hechler
Room 845
231 South LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hechler:

William Gibbons in Arlington wrote and said he wanted to subscribe to New South. Said we ought to send you a free one if we have any free ones but that you could be expected to pay off if we have only pay subscriptions. The second is the case. We are just too small and weak to have a free mailing list. But I send you a couple free copies (subscription blank on back). Gibbons thinks it's three dollars - it's only two.

We are cordial supporters of Harry Ashmore, who must be nearby.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls.

February 23, 1956

Mr. William C. Gibbons
2918 North 24th Street
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

I do appreciate your kind letter. I'm Richmond and sometime Lorcom Lane and sometime Dittmar Road. You will find Dr. and Mrs. Dilworth Lupton at 1518 Abingdon Street in Arlington friendly people. Used to run the Unitarian Church in Richmond. For thy wife I (though feebly Protestant) send what got printed in the Catholic Interracial Review from my Corona.

New South is but two dollars a year. That final three dollar check you wrote you forgot to mail. So how about coughing up two dollars for a year's subscription?

Here is a letter to Dr. Ken Hechler.

The Virginia Council on Human Relations lives at 100 E. Franklin Street in Richmond, and itsstelephone number is 3-8538. The Executive Director is Rev. Jack Marion, a Presby parson, and the Associate Executive Director is Mr. William Cooper from Hampton. Good bunch and doing a good job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls. (2)

Copies: Vigo and Starnes

February 23, 1956

Mr. Michael Buzan
Department of State Reception Center
Masonic Temple Building
333 St. Charles Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Buzan:

The people in the Governmental Affairs Institute have me down to do some instructing for your Dutch visitor, Mr. Louis H.A. Frequin, who gets to Atlanta April 9, 10 and 11. He's under your care April 3-8.

I will have to show him about Negro matters and something about labor matters.

It would help me if in Mr. Frequin's New Orleans' stay you could have most kindly arranged one or two contacts for Frequin that would dip him into race matters or labor matters ahead of time.

On the first,I will be grateful if you can put Mr. Frequin in touch with Milton Vige, Director of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations, 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, New Orleans. Telephone number MAgnolia 4295.

On the second, if you could track down R.W. Starnes with the AFL-CIO, 1919 South St. Claude Avenue, New Orleans. Telephone number VAlley 0095.

It would be very helpful if Mr. Frequin could talk with Mr. Sigunes.

I believe Mr. Vigo and Mr. Starnes would have a good deal to share in particular.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 23, 1956

Mr. David Dubinsky, President
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

We are most grateful for ILG's steady prop. These are cruel times. Alabama blows up! Eastland blows off! Good union people join the Citizens' Councils!

But ILG stands for what is right and helps what helps.

With every gratitude,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Copy - Bill Gordon

February 23, 1956

Mr. Melvin L. Bergheim
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bergheim:

Glad to have your Mr. Frequin April 10.

He should come over to the office of the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta (across the street from the Telephone Building) by about 9:20 A.M. on the 10th. I will be spouting at him for a while and then put him for the remainder of the day into the custody of the Negro editor of Atlanta's proudly-boasted, unique daily paper, Mr. William Gordon. Mr. Gordon will steer Mr. Frequin around the rest of the day and Mr. Frequin will learn a lot and have a good time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 23, 1956

Mr. Nelson C. Jackson, Director
Community Services
National Urban League, Inc.
1133 Broadway
New York 10, New York

Dear Nelson:

Do come - love to see you. March 14

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 23, 1956

Mr. Robert L. Kirkpatrick
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Very nice of you to write February 20.

I was in Washington briefly February 17 and I went to see the American Council on Education people. The matter was quite simple. They had a card on me which said I was a sponsor. They changed the card to say I was a contact. I take it that shuts off the main-flow and all is peaceful and pleasant.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 24, 1956

Mrs. W.W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
RD # 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

Our February issue of New South put in its praise of Dr. Will. I send along ten copies.

I hope sometime fairly soon to be in Chapel Hill and gather news of all of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls.

M E M O

February 24, 1956

TO: HCF

FROM: GSM

If in your judgment and Fred's this should go out regularly to our State groups, you might write Alston and so act.

February 24, 1956

Mrs. Gretchen Conduitte, Librarian
Southside Branch Library
1565 Hendricks Avenue
Jacksonville 7, Florida

Dear Mrs. Conduitte:

Our earlier study on public libraries was updated for an article appearing in Changing Patterns in the New South. This was issued in January, 1955, and if you do not have a copy we shall be glad to send you one. The table of contents is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

February 23, 1956

Mrs. Earl P. Andrews, Sr.
3135 Audubon Road
Montgomery 6, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

Mrs. Tilly requested that I provide you with a report of some areas in which there has been some desegregation. In addition to the enclosure, other material is being sent you under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

February 24, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I agree that it would be good for Harold to be more often in New York and told him he should go there whenever programwise it would help.

The whole crew of you did a good job up there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 24, 1956

Mr. Benjamin Segal
Trade Union Consultant
1631 "K" Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

Away last year I saw a note in John Connors' publication that said a labor bunch in Toronto had put on a fair practices clinic. The idea interested me, and I wrote to the Toronto people for the info. They most kindly sent me a detailed letter, and a flock of literature. I haven't had time to follow up on it, though at that period I had some notion that SRC might prepare to offer instruction to labor groups in fair employment practices. You are in that business and I am not.

I thought maybe you would get somebody helping you to read through the material, and weave into what you do what may be useful from what they do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

M E M O

February 24, 1956

TO: GSA

FROM: GSM

Last December, C.H. Parrish suggested that the make-up of the Board of Directors of SRC was somewhat of a mystery to our several State organizations.

I suggest that you prepare to go out to each State a list of the Board Members of SRC in its entirety plus a special list of Board Members of SRC from that State.

The terms of office (that is to say the terms yet to come) of these Members should be given and their addresses and occupations.

Will you think about this and advise me when you are prepared to go through with the plan.

February 24, 1956

Mr. Paul R. Christopher,
Regional Director, Region IV
Congress of Industrial Organizations
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

May I beg some ruminating from you?

In most years we get the following amounts from organized labor:

Steelworkers	$1000
Auto Workers	$1000
ILG	$500
AFL	$1000
Rubber Workers	About $200

In past years the CIO gave us $1000; last year $750.

I have asked George Meany for $5000 for this year and shall shortly go to see him in Washington and try to urge it through.

Now I need advice on whom else to approach within organized labor. I've looked through all the two-, three-, four-, and five-dollar people you got to contribute to us and I can't quite figure out which ones are part of organized bodies that would help us. You could tell me.

So far this year we have got our money from the Steel Workers and ILG. Nobody else as yet.

I did write (though unfortunately just after the merger) to the Industrial Organizations of the CIO and asked them to help me invite aid from the various Industrial Union Councils. But I assume that letter got lost in the shuffle.

I am aware through Nixon and others that the tension mounts very considerably in the labor movement in the South and it is quite possible that many groups that ought to help would not.

I am not asking you to do the work. I will write the letters and I will arrange the friendly contacts. But I would like a letter of advice from you telling me various bodies I might reasonably apply to for some aid.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 24, 1956

Mr. David Freeman, Secretary
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

We are most grateful for your letter of February 21 and for the grant from the Board of Directors of The Fund for the Republic for fifty-thousand dollars for the fact-finding program on race relations problems in the South.

We will be reporting to you regularly on it.

We have considered carefully whether we should offer a news release on the new grant. We think public announcement of our purpose to gather detailed facts in sensitive areas of race relations would create obstacles for the fact-finding effort. Therefore, we prefer not to publicize the grant ourselves. But we expect and hope that in your own reporting program you will carry the grant regularly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 25, 1956

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

This is the first chance I have had to write you a note of thanks for your invaluable help in arranging and carrying out the conference in New York. I have written to George Hunton and have asked him to convey to the Judge our deep sense of appreciation. (I thought it might be more discreet to handle this through Hunton, but if you think I should write the Judge directly, let me know and I will do so at once).

The next step on the libel matter is not yet clear. I am to send away in a day or so a summary of the ideas developed in the conference (omitting personalities) and it will then be up to the individuals concerned to make a final decision.

Apart from the working aspects, I greatly enjoyed getting together with you again. I hope we can have another reunion soon, in Washington or elsewhere. Meanwhile, all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

February 25, 1956

Mr. Hugh Moffett
Life
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Moffett:

I want to thank you for that sumptuous lunch and all the good company which you arranged for me Thursday a week ago. I don't know if anyone was edified, but at least everybody ate well and I enjoyed the session greatly.

It looks as though our troubled region will be in the news for some time to come. If at any time we can supply local contacts, advise, information or anything else that will help *Life* get the story, let me know. Meanwhile, give my best regards to Scott Leavitt and ~~your~~ the other good folks whom I met.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

February 25, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Reed:

I enjoyed our brief conversation at the Fund's office last week.

If you still have undistributed copies of the ACLU's Annual Report, we could use about a hundred of them to good effect.

Best Regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

February 25, 1956

Mr. Lee Coleman
Department of Rural Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Lee:

We enjoyed your recent visit to the office and are very grateful for the article on citizens committees. We plan to use it in the March New South and will, of course, send you some extra copies.

Fred tells me he sent you copies of the Hirsch book and The Reporter. Unfortunately the Hill and Greenberg book, "A Citizen's Guide to Desegregation," is exhausted. It's not to be confused with "A Manual on Intergroup Relations" written by Rosen and Dean. We are hoping to get a supply of the latter; if we do, we will send you one.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

February 25, 1956

Mr. Philip Horton
The Reporter
136 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Phil:

No harm done by the unsuccessful preliminary effort. In fact, I'm a bit relieved it can wait for more mature development.

I am looking forward to seeing Doug and discussing the continuing Southern story with him. I hope you and Doug will call on me anytime I can help The Reporter perform its valuable function.

The next time I'm in New York I will give you a call.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

February 25, 1956

Mr. O.D. Duncan, Head
Department of Sociology and Rural Life
Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O.D.:

This is mighty belated acknowledgment of the fine article you sent us, but I have been out of action for some time.

We see no need for the extensive re-working which you suggest in your letter. Aside from a few slight editorial changes, which will not affect the substance at all, we like the piece very much as it stands.

We will probably go to press with it very shortly, and unless I hear from you otherwise, I will assume that you trust us not to distort your meaning in any of the minor editorial changes which we may make.

We're very grateful to you for taking this on. I have a somewhat more exciting project afoot, which I will be writing or telephoning you about shortly. Meanwhile, best regards from every one here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

February 25, 1956

Mr. William H. Oliver, Co-Director
Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department
UAW-CIO
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I have waited to acknowledge your letter until George Mitchell returned to the office. He tells me he talked with you personally in Washington. I have engaged on your behalf Mr. Morris Abram, an able Atlanta attorney, to secure the various documents in which you are interested.

We are looking forward to seeing you on March 12, and I am sure that at that time we can agree on a course of action in which we can work together on our common concerns.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

February 25, 1956

Miss Betty Schneider, Asst. Editor
Community
4233 S. Indiana Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Miss Schneider:

The **Texas Observer** very readily granted us permission to reprint their cartoons, and I have no doubt they would be equally glad to have you do so. However, it would be good policy to write them. The address is 504 West 24th Street, Austin, Texas.

With best wishes to you and your fine publication,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

February 25, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thanks for letting me see the proposed revision of your brochure. I have inserted three fairly minor verbal changes on the copy, which is enclosed. I think you have done an excellent job.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

Encl.

February 25, 1956

Mr. Patrick McCauley
Assistant to the Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
P.O. Box 6156 Acklen Station
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McCauley:

My thanks to you and to Don Shoemaker for your prompt response to our request for permission to reprint the Leflar analysis. I am writing him today as you suggested.

Anytime we can be of help to SERS, we should like to do so.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

February 25, 1956

Professor Robert A. Leflar
University of Arkansas Law School
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Leflar:

I'm writing you at this address because of a rather cloudy recollection that you have returned to the University of Arkansas. I trust the letter will be forwarded to you at NYU if I'm incorrect.

A number of our affiliated State groups have expressed the need for a pamphlet reprinting the 1954 and 1955 Supreme Court decisions on schools, along with some clear legal analysis of them. The best such analysis I have seen is the one which you did last summer for Southern School News. Don Shoemaker has granted me their permission to reprint it in this way, but I am writing to make sure there is no objection on your part. If you should have any reservations, please let me know at your earliest convenience; otherwise, I will assume that I have your permission.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

February 25, 1956

Mrs. AlicedSpearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thank you for your letter forwarding the advertisement sponsored by the Citizens Council. I have copied it and am enclosing the original. We rely entirely on your judgment as to which clippings we should see. Please be sure to advise us when you want them returned, so that we may be sure to do so.

I'm glad to learn the way has been cleared for your newsletter. As to the question you raise, I have asked Fred Routh to include a note in the next newsletter to the effect that all material in State bulletins should be considered reprintable unless clearly marked otherwise.

I do feel, however, that each State office must develop much of its own material in terms of specific conditions and needs in that particular State. We will be glad to furnish any information we may have on hand or to advise in any way on the preparation of the State newsletters. Feel free to call on us when we can help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

Encl.

February 25, 1956

Mr. Russell Porter
The New York Times
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Porter:

I have been cruelly pressed and haven't yet had a chance to write you the off-the-top memo you wanted, though I still have hopes of doing so today or tomorrow.

Lest I fail, however, I'm sending the enclosed copy of the news story in the Atlanta Constitution reporting a speech made by Attorney-General Cook which may have escaped your notice. This is one of the most significant evidences I have seen of the strategy of delay being followed by segregation leaders here.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

February 25, 1956

Miss Sophie Van S. Theis
Doris Duke Foundation
41 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Theis:

I greatly enjoyed our conversation on Friday of last week, and I'm glad at long last to have made your acquaintance.

o✓ If at any time we can supply advice ~~our~~ information which will assist the Foundation, I hope you will call on us.

Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

February 25, 1956

Mr. George Martin
News Film Project
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear George:

This is the first chance I've had to write you a word of thanks for the fine dinner and the evan finer conversation last week. I haven't yet had an opportunity to run down information on the Austin and New Orleans cases in which you are interested, but I expect to shortly.

As I'm sure you realize, I'm greatly impressed by the constructive possibilities of your project and I hope we will be working closely together. You will be hearing from me when appropriate occasions arise, and I hope you will feel equally free to call on me anytime the SRC may be of help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

February 25, 1956

Mr. George Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Hunton:

This is the first chance I have had to express our deep appreciation for your kindness in arranging the conference of February 15 and for your sound advice.

Will you please convey to Judge McGohey our warmest thanks for giving so generously of his time and wise counsel. We came away not only practically benefitted but full of admiration for the Judge himself.

The next steps in this difficult matter have not yet been determined, but it is encouraging to know that we may call on you further for advice and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/mef

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2.25.56.

MEMORANDUM.

TO: APPROPRIATE BOARD MEMBERS

RE: Conferences on Libel Matter.

On February 15 and 16, President M. A. Wright, Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Mr. Paul D. Williams, and Harold Fleming of the staff conferred in New York with knowledgeable private individuals and with staff of the Fund for the Republic.

The first of these discussions was held with an experienced and able jurist of New York City. His advice with respect to possible legal action was largely discouraging and may be summarised briefly as follows:

1. Negotiation with the Hearst press would probably avail nothing. A retraction or apology is almost certainly out of the question. The reaction of the Hearst papers to a libel suit would probably be vigorously renewed attack on the SRC and its board members.

2. Number of plaintiffs would be a public opinion factor. If all of the 21 board members maligned did not sue, this would be interpreted in unfriendly quarters as an admission that the others could not defend themselves against the Hearst charges.

3. Legal delays would postpone the beginning of court hearings for a year or more, and the hearings might be dragged out even longer; thus, assuming a successful outcome, vindication would be long deferred.

4. The present climate of opinion fosters the idea that anyone who has been affiliated with one or more organisations now regarded as subversive is suspect. Without very compelling and detailed evidence to the contrary, it would be dangerous to risk a jury's decision.

5. Further circulation of the libels by hostile newspapers and groups would be facilitated by the privileged answer which the defendants would submit to the court. The Hearst press is well equipped to dredge up everything which, by distortion and innuendo, could be used to support their charges. This material could then be used with impunity (as "privileged" matter) by any publication or organization.

The second conference, in which Mr. Wright and Mr. Fleming represented SRC, was held with staff members of the Fund for the Republic. Mr. Wright, in a letter to the Fund, had formally requested permission for SRC to use up to $15,000 of the Fund's grant for research preparatory to libel action. The Board of the Fund, meeting on February 15, disapproved this request. This is not to be construed as an expression of opinion by the Fund as to the wisdom or unwisdom of individual libel actions. Some members of the Fund's Board would be in sympathy with such actions and might assist financially in a private capacity.

In both conferences, there was discussion of various public relations techniques which might offset the attacks on SRC. Suggestions included: (1) impaneling several distinguished Americans who would examine the merits of the charges and publicly announce their findings; (2) soliciting public statements favorable to SRC from prominent individuals; (3) arranging some favorable recognition of the SRC and its work from the President of the United States.

It was recognized by all parties to these discussions that the decision on legal action rests exclusively and individually with the persons libelled. These explorations were conducted in terms of the effect of legal action on SRC and are submitted to appropriate board members purely as a matter of information.

Mr. M. A. Wright,
"Top Knot",
Linville Falls,
NORTH CAROLINA.

27th February, 1956.

Dear Mr. Wright,

Here is a draft memorandum which attempts to summarize the results of our New York Conferences. Please let me have your suggestions for modification or revision.

Sincerely,

(Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.)

HCF:rl.
Encl.
c. Dr. R. Clement.

Dr. Rufus E. Clement,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,
GEORGIA.

27th February, 1956.

Dear Dr. Clement,

Here is a draft memorandum which attempts to summarize the results of our New York Conferences. Please let me have your suggestions or modification or revision.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
(Assistant Director.)

HCF:rl.
Encl.
c. MA Wright.

February 27, 1956

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Here in ready print is the map you want. I get it to you ahead of time for our conference Thursday afternoon, March 1.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

BY AIR MAIL.

Mrs. Tommie B. Stroud,
2524 Old Oaks Drive,
Waco,
TEXAS.

27th February, 1956.

Dear Mrs. Stroud,

As per our conversation of this morning, I hope to be with you Monday, March 5th. The programme we usually have is as follows:

(1) A Worship Service.

(2) Purpose of the Meeting, by Mrs. Tilly.

(3) Discussion on what has been done in different towns either for or against integregation of the schools. Whoever presides usually directs this.

(4) The legal aspect, explained by some lawyer.

(5) Buzz session.

If this does not fit into the programme that has been planned for the day, change it to suit the occasion.

Looking forward to being with you.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In charge of Women's Work).

MET:rl.

The Rev. M. V. Shean, C.O.,
434 Charlotte Avenue,
Rock Hill,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

27th February, 1956.

Dear Father Shean,

The Church Women of South Carolina are planning a meeting on the Supreme Court decision at the Parish House of the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1512 Blanding Street, Columbia, on March 6th, beginning at 10.30 a.m., similar to a meeting we had in Atlanta when you sent your two fine representatives. I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to be at this meeting, and that you will bring some others from Rock Hill, who have been working in the great programme of Human Relations in Rock Hill.

With the deepest appreciation of your interest and sincerely hoping you may be with us,

I remain,

(Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In charge of Women's Work).

MET:rl.

Mr. M. A. Wright,
"Top Knot",
Linville Falls,
NORTH CAROLINA.

27th February, 1956.

Dear Mr. Wright,

Both Mrs. Davis and myself are delighted that you will be with us in Columbia on March 6th at the Parish House of the Church of the Good Shepherd. What we want you to do is to talk on the legal aspects of the Court Decision, especially considering interposition and other measures of the legislatures to bypass the Court Decision. There will be time given for questions after you speak.

Mrs. Davis, the President, is disturbed lest we have a small attendance and this may be the case for there seems to be so much fear among even the best people of South Carolina, but if we can encourage those who are present, the meeting will be worth while.

With the deepest appreciation of all you are doing for our South and of your understanding of what I am attempting to do.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. M.E. Tilly,
In charge of Women's Work).

MET:rl.

Mrs. Walter A. Davis,
7 New Townlane,
Charleston 50,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

27th February, 1956.

Dear Mrs. Davis,

I find my flight No. is 470 and my time of arrival in Columbia is 8.26 a.m. I hope the plans for your meeting are working out to your satisfaction. The programmes we have been having are about like this:

(1) Worship, including the reading of "God vs. Segregation".

(2) Greetings.

(3) Statement of Purpose - Mrs. Tilly.

(4) The Legal Aspects, followed by discussion.

This usually takes the morning and in the afternoon we have the buzz sessions.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In chargd of Women's Work).

MET:rl.

February 27, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Glad you liked Irene; she is a peach. And it is a hard job she does.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 27, 1956

Miss Elizabeth Stein
1008 Monroe Drive
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

You help us no end!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

February 27, 1956

Dr. Lewis C. Smythe
Professor of Christian Community
College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Lewis:

Enclosed is a list of our biggest and most respected newspapers - in no order.

However, I do not agree with Hodding Carter. In that December article he reverted to a line he used to preach years back and which happily he had left alone. Namely, "If the North would let us alone, we would do all right." I never thought this wise. I do not want the North to let the South alone. I think the outraged conscience of the nation should press against the injustices and abuses which characterize discrimination and segregation in the South. Furthermore, I think it is whistling against the wind! The North is not going to hush. The thing for us to do is not spend our energy in asking the North to hush, but offer to fix things up so there will not be a valid complaint from the North.

You are a free individual and can do anything you want, but you do not have my encouragement in stimulating a flock of letters to Southern papers saying that Yankee people understand that we have a hard problem and are willing to let us deal with it.

On bundles of pamphlets for school superintendents, I am discouraging. These things depend on long-established, trusting local contacts. Mail a man a bundle and little happens. Give five local Church ladies a booklet and get them to tote it to the man and talk to him about it and something happens. I am in the position of arranging the toting. I need help. If you can contrive any help to that purpose, that is the place to put it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

The Nashville Banner

The Chattanooga Times

The Knoxville Journal

The Memphis Commercial Appeal

The Arkansas Gazette at Little Rock

The Times-Picayune

The Delta Democrat-Times at Greenville (Hodding Carter's)

The Jackson State Times

The Montgomery Advertiser

The Birmingham Post-Herald

The Mobile Register

The Macon Telegraph

The Atlanta Constitution

Savannah Morning News

The News and Courier in Charleston

The State in Columbia

The Raleigh News and Observer

The Greensboro Daily News

The Charlotte Observer

The Norfolk Virginian Pilot

Richmond Times-Dispatch

Louisville Courier-Journal

The Shreveport Journal

St. Petersburg Times

Daytona Beach News and Journal

Houston Post

Austin Statesman

Tulsa Tribune

Dallas Morning News

February 27, 1956

Mr. Fred Fuges, Director
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Fred Fuges:

I am glad you are at work.

Three things:

(1) Yes, legal aid where NAACP isn't already giving it or willing to give it, or where (as will sometimes happen, especially with white persons) the NAACP is unacceptable as the agency to give the legal aid. But always (Montgomery and anywhere else) act on matters of law in concert and close collaboration with the NAACP, locally and nationally.

(2) There is a new tactic unleashed in this controversy, and you could help to get it ticketed, described, and understandingly disliked. The trick is to do a "work to rule" job (used in some labor disputes) in reverse, and have the civil authority bedevil protesting people with every silly infraction of laws that can be dreamed up. Montgomery is a good example, where they took to arresting people for driving thirty in twenty-five mile zones. There are larger instances, where the power of Attorneys General is brought threateningly to bear, and where State Legislatures arrogate the power of Courts, and threaten people, and so on. And the Southern Governors are in on the deal, or some of them are. Have you some people at these points, and learn what is being done. It is a new and thoroughly un-American weapon, and the people of the Country will resent it when they know about it. You be an instrument to get it known.

(3) Do a real job of finding new jobs for the honest people that get dug out on these squabbles.

Come to see us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 27, 1956

Mr. Edward D. Hollander, National Director
Americans for Democratic Action
1341 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ed:

Go ahead. Your people will do good.

The job is manageable in Kentucky, Tennessee, and West and South Texas. It has been manageable but threatens to become unmanageable in Arkansas. North Carolina has a fundamental bent toward behaving but is for the moment under unfortunate leadership. Florida is a go-ahead place.

If you will have a good look at the map which I send with this, you can figure out where it is easiest and where it is certain to be tough. The map is based on the only statistical measure available: population by race. Fuzzily and inaccurately the areas of heavy Negro population are coincidental with the areas of agricultural and plantation concentration; and are therefore the areas in which the rights and human dignity of individuals are least respected - regardless of race.

But do not simply stay out of the difficult areas. The right thing to do is to go in there and offer organization. You will get some and it will do good. But progress will be most rapid in the yellow, the pink and the green.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

February ~~22~~ 27, 1956

Miss Betty Maselli, Executive Secretary
The Cancer Institute at Miami
1155 N.W. 14th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Miss Maselli:

Here is a list of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council and of the Executive Committee of the Council. The Board of Directors, which is all of the Southern Regional Council there is, meets once a year and the Executive Committee meets four times a year. Officers are:

Marion A. Wright, President
Gordon B. Hancock, Vice-President
Albert W. Dent, Vice-President
Carter Wesley, Vice-President
Leonard Haas, Counsel

I put in a leaflet about the Council although it is most inadequate. Herewith also the 1951 Statement of Policy.

The Council inherits the friends and work of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation. When in 1944 the name Southern Regional Council was taken, the local members of the State organisations which had worked with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation were asked to become members of SRC. Most of them did and within each State they set up a division of SRC - Alabama Division of SRC, Kentucky Division of SRC, etc. Three or four years ago we changed the organization into merely a Board of Directors and we undertook to help twelve (we-hope-will-be-strong) State organizations. The State organizations take in their own members, and charge dues which they fix themselves. Each State member is also a subscriber to SRC's magazine, New South.

Your Florida group is called Florida Council on Human Relations. Its Executive Director is Mr. William K. Williams (sometime of Miami). The Associate Director is Mr. Howard D. Roberts. Their office is at 324 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach, Florida.

We have a similar group in each of the Southern States except Oklahoma where we have not attempted an organization.

The Council gets a little money from selling its publications, raises considerable sums from Churches and unions, is constantly anxious to get some from business sources, and has been aided most through contributions in the last couple of years from The Fund for the Republic.

We would welcome any of your people as friends to the Council itself or to the Florida group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl. (3)

February 27, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

A good many evidences have appeared in the national press that the Communist Party would like to worm its way into the current civil rights issue in the South.

That being the case it may be expected that here and there they will try to gain a foothold in our State organizations.

This is an alert to be watchful. And to exclude from any influence in our organizations people not primarily devoted to the protection of American freedoms.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 27, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Griswold:

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Executive Director

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Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 27, 1956

Dr. Guy Wells, Executive Director
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Wells:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 27, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
2320 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 27, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Vigo:

A good many evidences have appeared in the national press that the Communist Party would like to worm its way into the current civil rights issue in the South.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 27, 1956

Mrs. R.S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 27, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

February 27, 1956

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 27, 1956

Mr F. Woods Beckman, Chairman
~~Mr. Clarence L. Hughes, Office Manager~~
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
~~Room 420, Jackson Building~~
~~Cherry and Seventh Streets~~
~~Chattanooga, Tennessee~~
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hughes:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 27, 1956

Mr. Kloppe
~~Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, Executive Director~~
~~Texas Commission on Race Relations~~
~~309 West 21st Street~~
~~Austin, Texas~~

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

A good many evidences have appeared in the national press that the Communist Party would like to worm its way into the current civil rights issue in the South.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 27, 1956

Rev. John H. Marion, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 E. Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Dr. Malcolm Ross,
University of Miami,
Coral Gables (University Branch) 46,
FLORIDA.

28th February, 1956.

Dear Dr. Ross,

I have your letter of February 27th and will do my best to give you as clear a reply as I can at this time.

We still have no basic decision on projects which we will undertake in the period after I have finished with the Southern Regional Council in April. As I told you when I talked with you earlier in the month, this is a decision which I cannot make myself and which could come only after considerable discussion among several of our people in Community Relations, Staff and Committees. I did feel, and am still of the same mind, that work in Miami would be an important and useful project: we would have to consider it, after knowing some of the details of the arrangement suggested, in relation to other possible projects.

The best way for you to facilitate further discussion and consideration would be to write to the Director of our Community Relations Program of the American Friends Service Committee. He is Richard K. Bennett and can be addressed at 20, South Twelfth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I suggest that you write him, sending me a copy, and suggest to him in some detail the kind of program you have in mind and the arrangements that can be made between Miami groups and the American Friends Service Committee.

I am sure that you will understand my inability to give you a final answer in time for the meeting you are holding on Thursday. I do encourage you to begin correspondence about it as early as possible, as there are always many aspects of a project such as this to be worked out.

We all wish you well in the planning which you are doing there. I am in touch with the Rev. Doggett about coming to address the annual meeting. I will be looking forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

IO:rl.

(Irene Osborne).

MEMORANDUM.

28th February, 1956.

TO: Richard K. Bennett.

FROM: Irene Osborne.

I think the enclosed correspondence is self-explanatory. I very carefully gave the man your name and correspondence directions when I talked with him. Obviously he has ignored this, so I am trying to set him straight.

IO:rl.
Encls.

February 28, 1956

Mr. H.S. Jarrett
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jarrett:

I looked at my calendar and I am scot-free Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 25-29. I can undertake to be at the College from the fore-noon of the 25th through as much of the 29th as you may need.

The College would have to bear my expenses up and back, keep me while I am there, and find as near to one-hundred dollars as it can to help make SRC whole for the loss of my attention to its program for that stretch of several days.

Write me later on as the program gets put together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

February 28, 1956

TO: HCF, FBR, RHA, GSA

FROM: GSM

On February 27, Duncan Hunter, Alabama Chairman, telephoned George Mitchell.

Among those who have become members of the Alabama Council was a man from Boaz whose political opinions were deeply suspicioned. Man has a wife teaching at what I think he calls James College, who seems pleasant and stable enough. Emory Jackson tells the Alabama Council that the Boaz individual is the correspondent for Alabama for The Daily Worker. Hunter wishes SRC's views as to whether the man's membership should be returned to him or not. Mitchell made reference to his outgoing letter of yesterday touching on that point. Hunter said Alabama Council makes no requirement in belief of principles of Alabama Council for membership. Mitchell said that if it could be established that the man was in fact correspondent for The Daily Worker that would seem sufficient proof of his being a Communist and would seem to warrant a letter to him stating that the Alabama Council would not care to have as a member one in disagreement with its own methods of protecting American freedoms.

They had no luck in finding an Alabama person to be their Finance Committee representative. Had their own State organization's feeble Finance Committee, but no one on it of stature. Would continue to look.

Had not heard that Bob Hughes might be called back into his church slot soon.

As to Mr. Gray, who is their Associate, one-half time. Began in that status February 1. But has been so occupied with the boycott that he has given the Alabama Council only one day of actual service during February. They were concerned about suitable pay for Gray and were concerned about having as their Associate in half-time pay status one who was nearly full-time engaged in pushing the boycott. Suggested that by a conference with Mr. Gray they see if Mr. Gray would request that his status be altered to that of consultant for a temporary period retroactive to February 1. Then let Mr. Hunter write us that Mr. Gray worked a certain number of days in February. And successively thereafter. Or the letter to us could come from Bob Hughes.

Miss Wylda Brewster,
171-29 103 Road,
Jamaica 33,
NEW YORK.

29th February, 1956.

Dear Miss Brewster,

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your letter of February 25th concerning material on Negro leadership.

Under separate cover is a copy of the Durham, Atlanta and Richmond Statements. This is one of the pamphlets in our historical file, and we would like to have to it back as soon as it has served your purpose. I am also sending you some information on the Southern Regional Council. If I can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable.

JC:rl.

Mr. F. A. Ernst, President
Virginia State Chamber of Commerce,
111 North Fifth Street,
Richmond 19, Virginia.

29th February, 1956.

Dear Sir:

We write you out of a deep concern for the present threat to the moral and economic well-being of the South arising out of controversies over segregation. It is our hope that your organization, which is committed to the progress of Virginia, will use its influence to promote discussion and understanding between genuinely representative members of both races.

Reasonable men and women in the South are disturbed by the extremist views which now dominate the public life of our region. They recognize that we will not solve our problems or advance the interests of the South by indulging our prejudices and passions. They are distressed by the absence of leadership on the side of calmness, constructiveness, and good will. They believe that racial differences can be worked out in every community by responsible white and Negro citizens.

Yet these people of good will are all but voiceless and powerless in the emotional climate which prevails. Our public policies on segregation are being dictated by fear and hysteria. The choice before the South is falsely represented as a choice between absolute segregation and immediate

all-out integration. Defiance, resistance, nullification, repression and intimidation are the order of the day, and it is no surprise that they bring in their wake violence, which everyone claims to abhor. Unless this trend is reversed, the South faces the prospect of grave economic and cultural damage.

In the last fifteen years, the South has embarked on an unprecedented period of economic growth: industrialization, business and financial development, and a general rise in prosperity. Not only continued progress but the gains that have already been made are imperilled by today's secessionist policies.

Will the new industries sought by the Southern States be eager to build expensive plants in areas where the existence of public schools is in doubt, where tension and violence threaten, where public officials advocate political and economic reprisals against all who disagree with them, where the very maintenance of law and order is uncertain?

Can we hope to sell our State bonds in the national market at reasonable interest rates while the air echoes with threats to abolish the schools and other public facilities?

In the face of such conditions, can we hope to hold and attract the talent we need to develop our resources -- the ablest teachers, scientists, professional people, executives in business and industry?

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calmly and realistically, giving full consideration to their consequences. We must chart our public course with a sane regard for the changing demands of our age rather than blind, emotional attachment to the past.

The first step in this critically needed process is a calm sharing of views and ideas by informed representatives of both races within the South. Each community should be given both opportunity and encouragement to work out in this way its adjustment to the legal requirements of the Supreme Court decision.

For each Southern community there is a wise, workable program, neither rebellious nor precipitate, which sensible local people can agree upon. They will need to work together to find the facts, and then they will reach a decision together. Thereafter, with surprising acceptance, the workable plan can come into effect. You and your associates represent one of the South's strongest forces for orderly procedure. We sincerely urge that you lend the resources and influence of your organization toward the carrying out, in detail, community by community, of this general plan.

Sincerely yours,

GSM:rl.

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

Mr. W. A. Livingston, President
South Carolina State Chamber of Commerce,
1310 Lady Street,
Columbia, S. C.

February 29th, 1956.

Dear Sir:

We write you out of a deep concern for the present threat to the moral and economic well-being of the South arising out of controversies over segregation. It is our hope that your organization, which is committed to the progress of South Carolina, will use its influence to promote discussion and understanding between genuinely representative members of both races.

Reasonable men and women in the South are disturbed by the extremist views which now dominate the public life of our region. They recognise that we will not solve our problems or advance the interests of the South by indulging our prejudices and passions. They are distressed by the absence of leadership on the side of calmness, constructiveness, and good will. They believe that racial differences can be worked out in every community by responsible white and Negro citizens.

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Mr. Fred B. Linton, President
North Carolina Association of Chamber of Commerce,
Winston-Salem,
North Carolina.

February 29th, 1956.

Dear Sir:

We write you out of a deep concern for the present threat to the moral and economic well-being of the South arising out of controversies over segregation. It is our hope that your organization, which is committed to the progress of North Carolina, will use its influence to promote discussion and understanding between genuinely representative members of both races.

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George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

GSM:rl.

Mr. O. R. Smith, President
Mississippi Economic Council,
Standard Life Building,
Jackson 5, Mississippi.

February 29th, 1956.

Dear Sir:

We write you out of a deep concern for the present threat to the moral and economic well-being of the South arising out of controversies over segregation. It is our hope that your organization, which is committed to the progress of Mississippi, will use its influence to promote discussion and understanding between genuinely representative members of both races.

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George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

Mr. Opie L. Shelton, President
Louisiana Association of Chamber of Commerce,
Baton Rouge,
LOUISIANA.

February 29th, 1956.

Dear Sir:

We write you out of a deep concern for the present threat to the moral and economic well-being of the South arising out of controversies over segregation. It is our hope that your organization, which is committed to the progress of Louisiana, will use its influence to promote discussion and understanding between genuinely representative members of both races.

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George S. Mitchell,
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Mr. J. J. McDonough, President
Georgia State Chamber of Commerce,
205 Forsyth Building,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

February 29th, 1956.

Dear Sir:

We write you out of a deep concern for the present threat to the moral and economic well-being of the South arising out of controversies over segregation. It is our hope that your organization, which is committed to the progress of Georgia, will use its influence to promote discussion and understanding between genuinely representative members of both races.

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Mr. Thomas D. Russell, President
Alabama State Chamber of Commerce,
225 Dexter Avenue,
Montgomery, Alabama.

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George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

GSM:rl.

February 29, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Rabbi Leipziger will be cordially welcomed March 9 at Dillard at 2:00 p.m. I hesitate to ask you because none of the other State Directors have been asked. But you may be sure we will all be tender of your interests. I do not think there is any purpose to asking Louisiana to do anything more than its normal share; we happened to pick New Orleans as a conveniently located city.

You are kind to ask me to stay with you the 27th, 28th and 29th. I am sure they would have saved room for me at Dillard and would want me out there. But I'm available to you for any use or just for no use.

As to the 9th, there seeming to be no need for me to be in New Orleans on the 8th, I will plan to take the train over the night of the 8th and arrive on the morning of the 9th. And I leave out that night at six something.

Assuming I do come on the train I will of course come to your office before time for everybody's second cup of coffee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 29, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville,Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Airline reservations have been made for you as suggested in your letter of February 22. We are enclosing tickets for thw same.

The schedule is as follows:

3/8/56	Leave Greenville, S. C.	4:51 P.M.
	Arrive Atlanta	6:04 P.M.
	Via Eastern Air Lines - Flight No. 567	
3/9/56	Leave Atlanta	9:15 A.M.
	Arrive New Orleans	10:47 A.M.
	Via Delta Air Lines - Flight No. 911	
~~3/10/56~~	Leave New Orleans	6:35 P.M.
	Arrive Atlanta	9:51 P.M.
	Via Delta Air Lines - Flight No. 902	
3/10/56	Leave Atlanta	7:00 A.M.
	Arrive Charleston S. C.	9:11 A.M.
	Via Delta Air Lines - Flight No. 470	

The round trip fare from Greenville, S. C. to New Orleans by air is $74.03.

We have also made the hotel reservation for you at the Piedmont. Dr. Mitchell will be returning from New Orleans on the same plane with you and will be met at the airport by Mrs. Mitchell. He has suggested that you may wish to spend the night with them since he also has to catch the 7:00 A.M. plane the next morning for Charleston, S. C.

You might be interested in knowing that all of the persons who were invited to the New Orleans meeting have replied and indicated that they would attend the meeting.

We are in the process of typing the letters to the members of the Executive Committee. You should receive them in the day or so.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

Enclosures (2)
GSA:rh

Sent to each State Director

For Tennessee - F. Woods Beckman

March 1, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Recently in Washington I went to see the man who runs the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice.

I wanted to tie us and you into his work.

He gave me a few copies of a talk he did a year or so ago, which tells just what his show can and cannot do. You should read it. And thereafter feel free (and invited) to let us or him know of suitable occasions for the concern of his Department and Section.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 1, 1956

Mr. Abner Locklear
Prospect High School
Route # 3
Maxton, North Carolina

Dear Abner:

I had this quite nice letter back from the President of the Atlantic Coast Lines Railroad. Of course it means nothing and I would not expect the ACL to put its big new office at Pembroke.

But I have written with such urging as I could command to the Industrial Development Department of the ACL and asked them to look closely at Pembroke and see what a nice set-up it is for some man with a mill.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

MEMO

March 1, 1956

TO: GSA, RHA, JH

FROM: GSM

Yesterday it was important to talk by phone with Fred Routh, about noon, who was in Tennessee. Mitchell had a luncheon engagement, and asked GSA, RHA, and JH to be prepared to give the message to Fred Routh.

Whereupon Mitchell left.

Whereafter GSA, RHA, and JH drifted severally to lunch.

Whereupon FR called.

Whereupon no message was delivered.

Admitted that GSM should have cautioned as to a schedule of lunching times for the message-potentials.

Lesson: If something's hanging, consult on luncheon-drifting.

Turns out that at about 5:00 P.M. yesterday Fred Routh did call and RHA talked with him. Usefully but not as usefully as if the conversation could have occured at mid-day

March 1, 1956

Rev. M.L. King
Ebesener Baptist Church
407 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. King:

Monday's nice New York Times story on your son is the kind of clipping a father deservedly can not have too many of.

I send an extra one.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 2, 1956

St. Charles Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana

Gentlemen:

I shall be getting into New Orleans on the evening of Thursday, March 8, to spend one night. Arrive at airport 7:00 P.M. Should be in hotel by 8:00. Please try to save me a room. If no rooms in the St. Charles, will you try to find me another anywhere else and I will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

March 2, 1956

TO: CHP

FROM: GSM

As to this coming summer of 1956. Suppose you count on coming in to Atlanta for any consecutive month you choose, on the usual straight salary basis (at your annual salary rate for the month); and thereafter, in the remainder of the summer, serve as a consultant, as may be agreed between you and me. With the understanding, as at present, that some of your days of being a consultant might, by agreement, be put in in the Kentucky and contiguous area, pushing things along there.

What say?

March 2, 1956

Mr. Jack Sessions
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Jack:

That Art Elder was a good man and it's going to be mighty hard to do without him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 2, 1956

Mr. H.B. Sissel, Associate Secretary
Department of Social Education and Action
The Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in the U.S. of America
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

Got letter of February 29 and typed script.

Need to know where Charleston meeting is to be. Will show anywhere in Charleston bright and early, Saturday, March 10.

Dismally, shall be in New Orleans March 9, but Atlanta all day March 8. Can see Scanland March 8. Confident technicians can solve problems.

Am struggling with script. Marvelous job your gal did in translating from the Hottentot but there is an occasional spot in which the minutiae in the Hottentot would not come through. Am correcting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 2, 1956

Miss Helen C. Calloway
663 East Livingston Avenue
Columbus 5, Ohio

Dear Miss Calloway:

A copy of Changing Patterns in the New South, which contains a section on suffrage, is being sent you. Please send us fifty cents in coin or stamps for this publication.

You would also find helpful information in an article appearing in the January 20, 1956 issue of The Commonweal. The article is entitled "Negro Voters in the South" and is by John J. O'Conner.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

March 2, 1956

Reverend W. Raymond Berry
Antioch Congregational Church
Andalusia, Alabama

Dear Reverend Berry:

We are sending you our publications list, a bibliography prepared in our office, a compilation of church statements and "The Church and Christian Conscience." I think that you would also find the November 1955 issue of Educational Leadership (1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.) helpful.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

March 2, 1956

Mr. Joel Carson
611 West Bay Street
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Carson:

I am sorry that we do not presently have information on the employment status of Negro graduates of formerly white universities. Offhand I know that Kenneth Lee, Major High and Harvey Beech, Negro graduates of the University of North Carolina Law School, are practicing law in North Carolina. Dr. Jean Harris, first Negro admitted to the Medical College of Virginia, has been appointed to a three year residency in St. Phillip Hospital, Richmond, which is operated by the Medical College.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

March 2, 1956

Mrs. Jessie S. Burnett
216 East Park Avenue
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Burnett:

Some information on changes in the South's population between 1940 and 1950 may be found in Part II of The Negro and the Schools by Harry S. Ashmore. However, the most complete reports available are contained in Census Bulletin PC 14. This may be secured from the United States Department of Commerce (or possibly the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C.) for seventy cents.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

Mrs. George Wolfe,
7901 Carroll Avenue,
Takoma Park 12,
MARYLAND.

March 2nd., 1956.

Dear Bee,

You know that the old books speak of the alleged fact that two good violins, if closely attuned, will both play tunes if the strings of one are wiggled.

Anxious times!

The social science people say that the way to get a job of desegration done is to have central authority know its duties and its powers, be firm in its purpose, and then to go on and do it. And that if you dilly-dally around you allow time for the opposition to organize, and then you will have the dickens of a time. The other side of this is that if you do it that way, cruncho, you are riding rough-shod over a lot of very deep feelings. Some people line up on one side; some on t'other. I admit that I think you have to do it not cruncho, but a bite at a time. That involves letting the other side organize, and squabble at you; but I still think that in the end you come out with a better deal than if you just "put it over".

Right now we are in the stage when the opposition is having its say. And it's tight.

I do wish somebody would ask me for a newspaper comment on Alabama. I have it all ready. "What happened to Southern courtesy?".

Right thing to do is to help the Montgomery bus boycott. It and the other cases of Negro resistance over the South are producing for the first time in our history an organized body of Negro opinion. I know about the outfits that have reached to the upper groups among the Negro community; but this one reaches 'way out, to the laborer, and the farm hand. And stiffens him; and makes him a different kind of man. And eventually the citizens councils will find out that they aren't dealing with the Negro their daddies dealt with, but with the different kind of a man. And then we'll have peace and respect for human dignity.

Way to help them is to send a check to the:
Montgomery Improvement Association
c/o Rev. M. L. King, Jr.,
Dexter Avenue Baptist Church
Montgomery, Alabama.

See Thrasher article in current Reporter.

SRC does its job, and is getting somewhere with the State outfits. When the right time in your budget year comes help us, too. We are as always confronted with the astronomical sum we have to show to get the Fund for the Republic to help us for next year!

I'll be up, maybe quite soon, and we'll get together. Best to husband and chillun. I have some good Uncle Remus tales for the chillun.

Sincerely,

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

GSM:rl.

B. Tartt Bell,
American Friends Service Committee,
617 W. Market Street,
Greensboro, N. C.

March 2nd, 1956.

Dear Tartt,

I expect to be staying at the Sir Walter in Raleigh on Thursday night. I will meet you in the lobby at 9.00 A.M. on Friday.

If you want to talk with me before then, I will be in the Charlotte office through Wednesday.

Regards!

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne.

IO:rl.

March 5, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: GSM

FROM: GSA GSA

RE: Miss Josephine Wilkins' attendance at Executive Committee Meetings

Previous information released from this office was incorrect as to the attendance record of Miss Wilkins at Executive Committee Meetings. The corrected figures are as follows:

Number of Meetings	Number Attended	Attendance Percentage
5	4	80%

In rechecking the records it was revealed that Miss Wilkins left the Executive Committee in 1950 and was not re-elected to the Executive Committee until November 1954.

ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETINGS FOR YEARS 1951 --------present

Name	Number of Meetings	Number Attended	Attendance Percentage
1. J. M. Dabbs	1	1	100 %
2 Paul D. Williams *	2	2	100 %
~~2. Paul D. Williams~~ *	~~2~~	~~2~~	~~100 %~~
3. Marion A. Wright	18	18	100 %
4. John A. Griffin	15	13	86 %
5. Rufus E. Clement	18	12	66 %
6. Paul Christopher	18	11	61 %
7. Leonard Haas	18	11	61 %
8. Harry V. Richardson	18	6	33 %
9. Maurice V. Shean	11	3	27 %
10. Miss Josephine Wilkins	~~18~~ 5	~~5~~ 4	27 %
11. Gordon B. Hancock	18	2	11 %
12. Albert W. Dent * *	11	~~2~~	18 %
13. Carter Wesley	18	1	5 %

* Presidential term ended in 1951

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* * Staff believes records incorrect as to the number of meetings Dr. Dent has attended.

February 8, 1956

March 2, 1956

Dear Mr. ________:

The small attendance which we are having upon meetings of the Executive Committee is a cause for real concern. We have barely been able to muster a quorum for some of these meetings and, in fact, have had to use some parliamentary stratagems to get by.

From time to time the Committee has requested the staff to furnish in advance of Committee meetings certain material which should be before the members when they meet. The staff has done this very faithfully. It requires a great deal of time and care in preparation. I have been impressed with the fact that much of this energy is wasted on account of the slim attendance upon our meetings.

No doubt in many instances there exist good reasons for non-attendance, reasons of health, conflicting appointments, etc. We do hope, however, that attendance will not be foregone except for compelling reasons. We are at a state when the counsel and advice of all members are critically needed.

In discussing the matter with the staff, we came to the conclusion that it might be helpful to furnish a box score showing just how Committee members rank in attendance. A copy is enclosed for your information. (Blushingly, if my own name did not stand so high on this list, the idea would have probably been quietly dropped.) If you rank high up on the list, you are entitled to congratulate yourself; if you happen to be in the lower bracket, it would encourage the rest of us if your own standing should improve.

This letter is going to all members of the Executive Committee. I sincerely hope it will offend none and may inspire many.

Yours sincerely,

H.A. WRIGHT

President

Dr. Whitney Young,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

March 5th, 1956.

Dear Dr. Young,

In connection with the consultant program, Mr. Hope has requested that we send to you the following material:

1. Briefing statement on Arkansas.
2. Statement by Kenneth Clark.
3. Statement by A. Lee Coleman.
4. Copy of letter appearing in Arkansas Gazette.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander.
Administrative Assistant.

Encls.
GSA:rl.
c.c.
John Hope.

Dr. Lee Coleman,
Department of Sociology,
University of Kentucky,
Lexington, Kentucky.

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John Hope 11.

Mr. M. A. Wright,
"Top Knot",
Linville Falls,
NORTH CAROLINA.

March 5th, 1956.

Dear Mr. Wright,

Enclosed is a copy of the memorandum sent to maligned board members who have expressed an interest in libel action, and to all members of the Executive Committee.

As you will see, we altered it to include the first sentence of your suggested insertion; this, I think, makes it clear that the judge was more than casually consulted.

We omitted the other two sentences suggested because we felt that to insist on the judge's importance and need for anonymity was to create an aura of portentous mystery around him which would be irksome to our policy people. We also felt that the memorandum - particularly the last paragraph - makes it clear that the committee was officially representing the SRC's stake in the matter.

I believe, and hope you agree, that the memorandum as it went out conveys as much as we can without actually identifying the Judge.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:rl.
Encl.

Dr. Whitney Young,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

March 5th, 1956.

Dear Dr. Young,

Mr. Hope is desirous that you have the following resource material:

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2. The Negro and the Schools by Ashmore.
3. Schools in Transition, edited by Williams and Ryan.
4. Public Education in the South Today and Tomorrow - A Statistical Survey, edited by Swanson and Griffin.

He thinks that you may have some or all of the material listed above. However, please let us know the items that you do not have and we will try to furnish the same.

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Administrative Assistant.

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John Hope.

Mrs. Preston Valien,
Fisk University,
Nashville, Tenn.

March 5th, 1956.

Dear Mrs. Valien,

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Administrative Assistant.

GSA:rl.
c.c.
John Hope.

March 5, 1956

Industrial Development Office
Atlantic Coast Line Railroad
Wilmington, North Carolina

Dear People:

At the instance of friends in Pembroke I not long since sent your President a letter (enclosed) urging consideration of Pembroke as a town to put your new general offices.

President Davis replied most courteously for which I am grateful.

I would myself think it unlikely that the ACL would put its new general offices in the (as yet not large) metropolis of Pembroke.

But I do wish to urge on your office (concerned for the Railroad with industrial development) a quite serious look at Pembroke. You will be aware of the curious, composite racial make-up of the population. For reasons touched upon in my letter, Pembroke people stay near Pembroke. And for reasons I do not claim to have any explanation for, they are a peculiarly hard-working people. Nobody ever said that the Indian people around Pembroke were lasy. They have known hard work for generations. And they perform it skillfully and with a nice American ambitiousness.

At present it is a purely agricultural community. It is constantly building up a surplus of population. And they can't go anywhere else in the world because wherever else they go they are questioned as to who they are.

That is a set-up for somebody with a mill.

It has been suggested to me that there are powerful agricultural landlords in the neighborhood that would not like industry to come in. My guess is that that tradition relates to a period one or two decades ago. Individual ownership has grown so rapidly that the old landlord interest is a ghost of itself. I don't know this but I think it.

I hope I have said enough to cause some thoughtful inquiry to be made.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Mr. Harry J. Walker,
Howard University,
Washington, D. C.

March 5th, 1956.

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Encls.

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Dr. Kenneth Clark,
Northside Center,
31 - W. 110th Street,
New York.

March 5th, 1956.

Dear Dr. Clark,

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Dr. William Jones,
Department of Sociology,
University of Tennessee,
Knoxville, Tenn.

March 5th, 1956.

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Administrative Assistant.

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c.c. John Hope.
Encls.

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Dr. Hylan Lewis,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

March 5th, 1956.

Dear Dr. Lewis,

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant.

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Encls.

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Dr. Robert Johnson,
American Friends Service Committee,
20 S. 12th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 5th, 1956.

Dear Dr. Johnson,

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WHITE

March 5, 1956

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I was told the other day of a case said to have arisen in South Carolina on which I undertook for my friend to obtain some further information. Will you be so kind as to use your channels to discover what you can on the tale?

'Tis said that about a month ago Jay Clark of Mullins, South Carolina, a schoolteacher, at his Church spoke against segregation and soon thereafter was dismissed from his job of teaching seventh grade at school. Man was a Baptist but I believe did his talk in a Methodist Church. Man is now employed at Bath, South Carolina. Clark's pastor was W.W. Lancaster at Mullins - Baptist.

My friend is concerned to know of any current needs that Mr. Clark may have at Bath.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 5, 1956

Mr. Algernon D. Black, Education Director
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Algernon Black:

You are extremely kind and generous to be willing to pay my travel to New York and back for the meeting March 24. But meanwhile a quite important conference of our own staff people from the more difficult Southern States has been scheduled for Atlanta for March 23, 24 and 25 and I hadebest stay here for that.

Fred Routh says he will be glad to answer your letter to him in a day or two.

I add to your list of resource people for working with young-'uns at a camp - Mrs. Emil Willametz. Best address I have for her at present is Concord, Tennessee. She came as an attractive young girl five or six years ago to Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee, enthused over setting up a nursery school. The vicinity of the school has a teeming, rural poor-land population (all white). Joey's energy plus other people's money raising and toil (she did some of both herself) built a handsome, huge nursery school at Highlander. For three years or so she kept it going all summer long, stuffed full of kids. Gooey paints everywhere; cut-outs all over the place; much enjoyment. Then a young photographer named Emil Willametz persuaded her into the toils of matrimony. And she has been applying nursery school principles to her own brood ever since. Husband now runs a photographic propaganda service in Knoxville. I don't know how many babies Joey has - perhaps three. She is completely persuaded on matters of race; liberal; quite untarred with the brush of Communism; young, handsome, imaginative, flexible.

I have written to her Highlander friends for a more accurate address and will send it to you when I get it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 5, 1956

Mr. Henry Shipard
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Henry:

Enjoyed whole occasion. Particularly seeing your handsome house.

Need improved address for Emil and Joey Willametz.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

Copy: Mitchell, George S.
Myles Horton

March 5, 1956

Mr. Thurgood Marshall
Director and Counsel
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
107 West 43rd Street
New York 26, New York

Dear Thurgood:

I went the other day to Highlander Folk School and talked to Myles Horton. Myles says he is assured he can get a small but helpful sum of money for pushing desegregation in the mountain area if you and I would combine to say it would be useful. I am now so ready to say. Next time I come to New York I will try to make an appointment with you and inquire whether you agree. Nothing more to be done 'til then.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

March 5, 1956

Dr. Willa B. Player, President
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Player:

Many thanks for your letter of March 2. When Mr. Jarrett, being in Atlanta the other day, told me about it I agreed and I have since written him as enclosed.

I hope that will work out satisfactorily.

I will greatly look forward to the possibility of being a part of the Institute and a part of the College.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 5, 1956

Mr. Charles F. MacLennan,
Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
1309 East Broad Street
Columbus 5, Ohio

Dear Mr. MacLennan:

Write to Lillian Smith directly and unembarrassedly at Clayton, Georgia. She is not broke. I don't know at all what she charges, but assume that often she speaks for nothing more than expenses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMORANDUM - March 5th, 1956.

FROM: FREDERICK B. ROUTH.

SUBJECT: TENNESSEE TRIP.

CHATTANOOGA:

I had a long discussion with Alfred Mynders, editor of the Chattanooga Times, regarding the current situation in Tennessee and the rest of the South. He reaffirmed the Times' determination to report the story of desegregation in the South objectively and as completely as possible. He pointed out that local pressure had been brought from time to time to prevent this.

In the afternoon I conferred with Dr. Haskell Miller, Mr. Clarence Hughes and Mr. Henry Pearson about the local Chattanooga situation and local people as prospective Board members. They recommended three: Neil McDade, a young white business man; Rev. William A. Dennis, a prominent Negro minister respected in both Negro and white communities; and Rabbi Abraham Feinstein. (Note: Dr. Miller will talk with these people about Board membership.)

KNOXVILLE:

I talked at considerable length with the State Chairman, F. Woods Beckman regarding the Tennessee Council. He mentioned that the Tennessee Council and Fellowship House were planning a series of three workshops for local school people; that professors from the University of Tennessee would participate, but that the University could not officially co-sponsor the workshops. Irene Osborne will be used in the first workshop, March 17th. Mr. Beckman and I talked with Dr. Ralph Lloyd, President of Maryville College, urging him to accept membership on the Board of the Tennessee Council. He countered that he was extremely busy on the considerable number of Church and National Council of Churches Committees, but would take the matter under consideration.

In the evening Mr. Beckman and I met with Dr. Colston and Mr. Daves, and discussed the Tennessee Council and its future. Two prospective Board members were mentioned: Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Titus.

NASHVILLE:

Met with Rev. Smith, Mr. Matt. Lynch, Dr. Elsie Lewis, Dr. Edmiston, Mrs. Nellie Todd, Dr. Bonita Valien, Mr. Walter Sharp and Mr. Joe Ray. We discussed the Tennessee Council and its future at considerable length. They recommended the following prospective Board members whom they promised to query: Father Leo Siener, Mr. Whitworth Stokes, Mrs. J. T. McCall, Mrs. Bernard Finsterwald, Mrs. Herbert Weaver and Dr. Nicholls.

MEMPHIS:

Met with the Board members of the Tennessee Council who live in the Memphis area at the Urban League Offices there. We discussed at considerable length the Tennessee Council and its future. We also discussed the local situation in Memphis, and they reported that the situation there has become more tense in the last three or four weeks, so that they felt the local "moderates" would not get very far in their attempt to alleviate tension, for there were some rather strong pro-segregationists in the group.

The Memphis group recommended the following prospective Board members:

1. Rev. Ray Dobbins, Presbyterian minister and editor.
2. Mr. Herbert Jordan, prominent lumber man.
3. Mr. George Grider, attorney.
4. Mr. Walter Kramer.

OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following four recommendations are made on the basis of the discussions held in the four large cities of Tennessee with our Board members and other key people. They have been agreed to in principle by the members of the Board of the Tennessee Council with whom I talked:

(1) That the office be moved from Chattanooga to Nashville, and that quarters be found where an integrated staff may work.

(2) That an Executive Director should be employed with commensurate salary rather than an Office Manager.

(3) That the new proposed members of the Board be elected at this time by mail ballot to other members of the Board.

(4) That the Board be reorganized with a permanent slate of officers and committee assignments as soon as the new members have been elected.

NOTE: Dr. William Jones has recommended Mr. Joseph Peacock, son of the Dean of Agriculture at the University of Tennessee for the position of Executive Director. SRC will provide sufficient funds from monies allocated to Tennessee to pay his travel to Nashville for an interview with the personnel committee.

SRC will also underwrite from monies allocated to the Tennessee Council the procuring of office space until such time as the Tennessee Council raises sufficient funds: this period not to exceed four months. SRC will underwrite the salary of the Executive Director for the remainder of this fiscal year on a pro-rata basis at $5,000 per annum.

Fred Routh's trip extended from Monday, February 27th through Friday, March 2nd.

March 5, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I told you I would come on the train over the night of the 8th. Decided to come on the airplane leaving here about 6:00 P.M., EST, and getting to New Orleans about 7:00 P.M., CST. Have written to the St. Charles and asked for a room which I expect they will have; so bother not about me. I will show at your office crisply the morning of the 9th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 5, 1956

The Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters
15 North MacDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop:

We are very grateful indeed for your kind check.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Dr. Louis Killian,
Department of Sociology,
Florida State University,
Tallahassee, FLORIDA.

March 5th, 1956.

Dear Dr. Killian,

Mr. Hope is desirous that you have the following resource material:

1. Current subscription to Southern School News plus six months back issues.
2. The Negro and the Schools, by Ashmore.
3. Schools in Transition, edited by Williams and Ryan.
4. Public Education in the South Today and Tomorrow - A Statistical Survey, edited by Swanson and Griffin.

He thinks that you may have some or all of the material listed above. However, please let us know the items that you do not have and we will try to furnish the same.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant.

GSA:rl.
c.c. John Hope.
Encls.

P.S. We are enclosing the following:-

1. Statement by Kenneth Clark.
2. Statement by A. Lee Coleman.
3. Copy of letter appearing in Arkansas Gazette.

March 6, 1956

Attorney J. R. Booker
Century Building
Sixth and Gaines Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Attorney Booker:

Mr. Darragh has informed us that you will serve as the representative from the Arkansas Council on the SRC Finance Committee. We are very glad to have you with us and look forward to seeing you at the meeting which has been set for 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956 at Dillard University in New Orleans.

The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Presidents' office at Dillard University. It is hoped that the meeting will last no longer than 5:30 P.M.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
c.c. Mr. Fred K. Darragh, Jr.

Dr. Haskell Miller,
University of Chattanooga,
Chattanooga,
TENNESSEE.

March 6th, 1956.

Dear Haskell,

It was good to see you while I was on my swing through the Volunteer State. I will send you a report of that very shortly. Enclosed is a check for $250 for deposit to the account of the Tennessee Council. This was requested in a letter of February 27th to Dr. ~~Miller~~ Mills. I am enclosing a proposed budget of SRC Funds - Tennessee Council. Please notice number 3 under "notes" and also item A. Special Emergency Fund. I believe that what Mr. Beckman has in mind at this time is the payment of accounts payable.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:rl.
Encls.

March 6, 1956

Mr. A. R. Suritz
Barry's, Inc.
101 East Main Street
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Suritz:

Here is the full release.

I do hope that business people will move in that spirit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Secretary

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 6, 1956

Mr. S. W. Miller
1120 West Pearl Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Miller:

Mrs. Lyells, the Executive Director of the Mississippi Council has informed us of your plans to attend the area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee which will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956 at Dillard University in New Orleans.

The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Presidents' office. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mrs. R. S. Lyells

March 6, 1956

Dr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

The following persons have indicated that they will attend the meeting of the SRC Finance Committee at your institution on Friday, March 9, 1956:

1. Prof. R. C. Reynaud, Lake Charles, La.
2. Mr. Charles A. Shaw, Houston Texas
3. Mr. S. W. Miller, Jackson, Miss.
4. Attorney J. R. Booker, Little Rock, Ark.
5. Mr. Marion A. Wright
6. Mr. George S. Mitchell

Possibly, Miss Josephine Wilkins will attend.

The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. and will adjourn no later than 5:30 P.M. since some of the persons involved have to make plane schedules. If this schedule is followed I doubt whether anyone will desire meals or housing.

We are grateful to you and Dillard University for the use of your facilities for this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

March 6, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw, President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
P. O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

We are looking forward to seeing you at the area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee which will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956 at Dillard University in New Orleans.

It is hoped that the meeting will last no longer than 5:30 P.M. and you should be able to get back to Houston the same evening.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

March 6, 1956

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Ratliff:

I am ever so grateful to you for the careful and delicately judged answer you gave March 5.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 6, 1956

Mrs. E.M. Sparling
222 Thompson Building
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Sparling:

We are delighted to have you on the Board. Your place has not been filled and we have been hoping straight along that you would come into it!

We all still look for Arkansas to point the way.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman,
South Carolina Council on Human Relations,
1508 Lady Street,
Columbia, S. C.

March 6th, 1956.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thanks for your letter and the interesting enclosures. We are returning separately those you wanted back.

We have very few copies of the recent release left; I'm enclosing several. The AP put out a good story. I'd be interested to hear of any use of it in South Carolina papers.

Phil. Hammer's address is 70 Fairlie Street, N. W. He's a fine person and an excellent speaker, but is terribly busy. No harm in trying, though.

We have nothing specific on library censorship in the South. It might be worthwhile to write the Southeastern Library Association, 1401 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, and the American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Ill.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:rl.

March 6, 1956

Mr. William M. Cooper, Associate State Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Bill:

Here is what we put out ourselves.

In my judgment the escape from the dilemma of people like us is to urge the coming together locally of white and Negro citizens in an atmosphere of equality and a recognition of equal dignity. If no such atmosphere, no meeting and no encouragement from us for a meeting. The point is that there is no social scientist or man in race relations practice so expert and so endowed with authority that he shall have the power to come into this community or that and say, "Now you people here should not enjoy your civil rights for three more years!" It's none of his business! It's theirs! If legitimate, courageous representatives of local citizens in, say Courtland, care in full agreement with other local citizens to put off effort to achieve their full civil rights for one, two or three years they jolly well can. They have that right. But nobody else has. By the same token, if local citizens in Arlington or Washington, Virginia, meet and figure that they can open their schools in September, 1956 - applause.

So it seems to me that what we can do is to urge that people meet. And meet under no pressure.

There is a corollary to that. Some people, dependent, pressed, and leaderless, need to have someone else to step in to help them bargain. That is a role that we or other social science people or NAACP personnel could fill. You get exactly the same thing in the trade union book. Unions fight hard to preserve the right of any body of working men to be represented by people of their choice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef
Encl.

March 6, 1956

Mrs. Kenneth R. Parker
11435 Plainfield Road
LaGrange, Illinois

Dear Adele:

Enough that you answer my letter right away and give me what the labor movement calls moral support. It is always tough-and-go in labor meetings when the strikers come from another union and ask for support. Question is- give them moral support or material support? I have seen a many a one where the resolution was that we extend to our Brothers our moral support. Praise the Lord for those Locals that extend moral and material support.

Incidentally we are pleasantly tax-exempt, so the enclosed card should help Ken this time next year.

Peter has not come. We still hope for him and his gal.

Gilbert Murray is now ninety and I was asked to put a few shillings into a 90th birthday fund for him.

Best,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 6, 1956

Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

In the case of Tennessee I have made a decision which involves policy matters and which I want you to know about and which I will report in full to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Thus far we have held each of the State organizations strictly to the terms of the arrangement forecast in Memo #1. We have given no State more than was forecast there and we have given each State all that was forecast there. This fiscal year each State got only two-hundred and fifty dollars over and above salary money to meet current expenses.

Tennessee needs substantial reorganization. They are rather an extreme case of using consultants the while they neglected central and State-wide organization. Many peripheral circumstances helped explain but that is the central fact. And over the long pull the consequence of such an arrangement is that a State eats up all we give it in undoubtedly helpful program; but at the end of their period of subsidy will have nothing left except the ghostly memory of some nice program once performed with somebody else's money.

Fred Routh was up there last week. They are about to take on a new chairman. They will add many new people to their Board. They will open a State office at Nashville. They will hire a full-time Director at $5,000 a year. They will take on a full-time clerk. And they will keep alive the consultants program by using the "Associate" money to float consultants.

To me this means that Tennessee is doing a year and a half late what we should have got it to do at the beginning.

I have told our friends in Tennessee that in addition to floating their normal staffing commitments for the rest of the year, we will give Tennessee about $1,000 of operating money; over and above the $250 which they and everybody else have had and which they and every body else have eaten up. The $1,000 can readily be added because Tennessee has eaten up in the first six months of this fiscal year some $2,500 less than a normally operating Staff has eaten up, in strict accord with Memo #1.

I think this will give us eighteen months from now an organization in Tennessee with a fair chance to survive.

Nothing that the Executive Committee has said forbids this. The staff agrees that it is wise. I report now that I have authorized it; and I will explain the matter fully to the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 6, 1956

Mr. H.B. Sissel, Associate Secretary
The Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

I believe the various answers required in your letter of March 5 were given in our telephone conversation today.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 6, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

The Newsletter Feb 1 spoke of Arna Bontemps' book. I send you ours for your quickest reading. Get it back and we will send it to Florida and on down the line. Extraordinary commendation will be meted out to that State office that reads the book the fastest and mails it back the quickest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Miss M. A. Baldinger,
National Civil Liberties Clearing House,
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

March 6th, 1956.

Dear Miss Baldinger,

Your letter to Dr. George Mitchell concerning display material of civil rights literature has been referred to me. We are sending you, under separate cover, 150 copies of each of an issue of our magazine, New South; our publications list; and our promotion pamphlet on our publication Changing Patterns in the New South. We appreciate the opportunity to get some of our literature before the public through your organisation.

Sincerely,

John Constable.
Information Service.

JC:rl.

Mr. Edwin K. Lukas,
American Jewish Committee,
386 Fourth Avenue,
New York 16, NEW YORK.

March 6th, 1956.

Dear Ed:

It was good to see you the other afternoon. I hope your New Orleans meeting had a rewarding outcome.

You may recall my mention of the New York Times (or other) story reporting the official Soviet reaction to the Supreme Court ruling of May 1954. Unaccountably, though I remember it well, we don't seem to have the clipping. If you have a copy which you could share with us, we will greatly appreciate it. I am also looking forward to seeing your summary of foreign reaction to the Miss Lucy case.

I have a guilty feeling that I was in an unjustifiably negative mood when we had our all-too-brief conversation. Please chalk it up to transient weariness and give us another opportunity soon to plan together.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:rl.

Miss Ruth M. Davis,
The Reporter - Public Relations Department,
136 East 57th Street,
New York 22,
NEW YORK.

March 6th, 1956.

Dear Miss Davis:

The current issue of The Reporter on "The South's Ordeal" is well done, particularly the article by Thomas Thrasher, and we should like to help get it more widely read.

The Southern Regional Council has twelve affiliated state groups, with an aggregate mailing list of slightly over 4,000. We could reach SRC's own board and state boards with about 400 copies.

Let me know how you think we might cooperate.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:rl.

March 6, 1956

Mr. A. Dudley Ward, Executive Secretary
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dudley:

Once in North Carolina I was trying to get a farm co-op shored-up. One of the farmers took me out to his barn. "Mitchell," he said, "my daddy was a blacksmith. He taught me that nothing won't weld on the first heat. Hot it up one time; and cool it off. Hot it up the second time; hammer it together; and it will stick."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Secretary

GSM:mef

March 6, 1956

Mr. Lewis S.C. Smythe
Professor of Christian Community
The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Lewis:

I take up the tougher question in your letter first. Language about finding a formula for the Black Belt counties. I think the answer is that no body of social science persons or of would-be leaders has the right to specify when any group of citizens- white or Negro- shall go into the enjoyment of their civil rights. That's their business and nobody else's. So what should be done is to promote vigorously the process by which local white and Negro citizens in equality and equal dignity meet and find the facts and agree as well as they may on what they will do. In some places, praise goodness, they will agree to open the schools next fall. In other places maybe they will agree not to push to get the schools open for a year, two years, or three years yet.

Notice that in such negotiating, white people reluctant to see the schools open have whenever they get into a law suit next to no high cards. The other guys have Ace, King, Queen, Jack, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven. The highest card in the reluctant white man's hand is the Six of Hearts. Before the law suit the Six of Hearts is good and will take some tricks. After the law suit, to use Gullah, "It ain't wut." So they should use their Six of Hearts before the law suit gets started.

The law knows only how to draw a parallelogram around a piece of territory and say inside this State know one law. You and I know that inside the State a great variety of civilisational stages exists. The only way out I know is for local people to meet and figure out what is best to do for their local so-called civilization.

What kind of help do we need? We have to raise $55,000 to get our next installment of Foundation help!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Mr. Winslow Carlton,
120 Wall Street,
New York.

March 6th, 1956.

Dear Mr. Carlton,

Thank you for your letter of March 1st. and your check for $5.00. I am enclosing our official receipt for this amount, and have entered a subscription to our publication New South for you. I believe that you will find it of interest for it will keep you abreast of much that is happening in the South which does not reach the national press.

The Henry Street Settlement House is doing a magnificent job in assisting some of the least privileged to find new opportunities and greater fulfillment, and I congratulate you on the fine part you have played in the maintenance and extension of this worthy project.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:rl.
Encl.

Mrs. R. E. Burnett,
Schenectady Public Schools,
108 Union Street,
Schenectady,
NEW YORK.

March 6th, 1956.

Dear Mrs. Burnett,

In answer to your letter of March 1st., 1956, the information requested may be obtained from the Metropolitan Planning Commission here in Atlanta. The Commission's address is Glenn Building. The Commission would be able to give you the most complete information on the subject. We hope this will be of some help to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable,
Information Service.

March 7, 1956

Rev. Duncan Hunter, Chairman
Alabama Council on Human Relations
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

I have been puzzling about the matter raised in your telephone call of February 27 - the man from Boaz who showed Communist proclivities. I then said that whether you had or had not in your membership blank some clause about "agreeing with the principles of the Alabama Council on Human Relations," the ACHR might, on establishing that the individual was a correspondent for the Daily Worker, write him that you did not care to have as a member of the ACHR one in disagreement with the ACHR's methods of protecting American Freedom.

It now appears that you have in your By-laws the following:

> Article III, Section 1. Members. Any person who is in accord with the purposes of the Alabama Council on Human Relations and residing in the State of Alabama may become a member of the Alabama Council on Human Relations upon payment of appropriate dues.

Under that it would obviously be within the power of the Executive Committee of the ACHR to refuse or withdraw membership from any individual held by that body to be not in accord with the purposes of the ACHR.

We do not think the ACHR is required to do more than write the individual that the ACHR has declined his membership under the provisions of Article III, Section 1 of the By-laws.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 7, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I sign every now and again the Belle Isle U-Drive-It checks. The last couple were steepish. Please put your most economical judgment on when it is needful to pick up a U-Drive-It.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 7, 1956

Mr. C. H. Parrish
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H.:

I sign every now and again the Belle Isle U-Drive-It checks. The last couple were steepish. Please put your most economical judgment on when it is needful to pick up a U-Drive-It.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Same letter sent to each State office except Alabama

Copies: HCF, FR

March 7, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

In one State the question has been raised as to whether the State organization had the power to refuse continued membership to a person whose name had come onto the membership roll but who on acceptable evidence had Communist proclivities.

In that instance we drew the attention of the State organization to Article III, Section 1 of that State organization's By-laws. This language said that any person in accord with the purposes of that State Council and living in the State might become a member upon payment of appropriate dues.

We suggested that this language automatically empowered the Executive Committee of that State organization to refuse or withdraw membership from any individual held by the Executive Committee of that State organization to be not in accord with that State organization.'s purposes.

It might be well for you to examine your own By-laws with this problem in mind and to note ahead of time what protective devices would be available.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 7, 1956

Mr. F. Wood Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

Your two letters of February 27 have caused some stirrings about, and we hope you and the TCHR will like what we propose. But we are flexible, and will try to agree to this or that modification that would be helpful.

Our object would be, by assisting the TCHR at this time, to put it in a way to end up eighteen months from now with an organization likely to continue under its own steam. To do this we would have to depart widely (first time ever) from the terms of Memorandum #1 and tailor-make a special plan for the TCHR.

To that end we offer to be responsible in the balance of this fiscal year (salary starts to be not earlier than April 1, 1956) for the aid to the TCHR's budget outlined in the Proposed Budget. This letter supersedes our letter of October 12, 1955 to you.

This plus what you will have spent of our aid by the end of March, 1956 makes a total of expected aid from us of over $11,000. We regard that as about "ten months' money," for the purpose of calculating the TCHR's responsibility for raising sums independently of our aid, and would therefore expect you to raise, in order to qualify for our aid in 1956-57, not $3500, but $3000.

Emphatically we solicit the TCHR's own budget. We hope that it will be within the general terms of these figures, but we will try to be helpful here or there if need be. Main thing is to enable the TCHR to get on its feet. And a gallant effort to you all!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 7, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

First draft of screed.

Longish. And I'm unsure of the ending.

Fix, send back, and I'll perfect.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director.

GSM:mef

There's a nice German word you have a hard time putting into English. Word's CONJUNCTUR. Means the way several streams of accidental happenings meet, and what they make out of their coming together at that time and spot.

Here's a most interesting CONJUNCTUR at Highlander. And it is there to benefit some people from this part of the world. There, in good order, and with a warm welcome.

Here's what happened into one spot:

For thirty years people who had collected good books on the Labor Movement, on Southern history, on ways to get farmers better off, have been sending the books to Highlander Folk School. Some old boy bought the books, read them, made a thin living out of pushing what the books taught him, and up and died. And his wife sent the books to Highlander. It happened time and again. And in a goodish while of it they got a flock of books. Not trash. The standard volumes, and the ones that are hard to find; the cherished books from shelves that were in thoughtful people's homes.

Next thing: an eager young graduate of the University of North Carolina came from College to Highlander and got asked to work on Highlander's staff. Those guys didn't (and don't) get pay; they just work for the joy of getting ~~helpless~~ people organised to get what they need. This young man was named Harry M. Lasker. Came to Highlander in 1941. It wasn't long before the war came along, and Harry gets himself into the Air Corps. And it wasn't long before a plane hit the ground, and he was in it, and that was the end of Harry. His people saw that their son's brief life had in it just a few months of fulfillment:

his joyous work at Highlander. And they gave Highlander a building to put the books in. A comfortable, lightsome building, with a fireplace for the winter, and for the summer great glass windows opening onto the lake.

Main stream is Highlander Folk School itself, with a spot where everyone is welcome and at ease, with a staff of knowledgeable people ready to steer a body's reading, with good beds, luscious cornbread, and laughing companionship. Besides a pretty, and cool, piece of countryside.

These three things all came together, and made the Library at Highlander. Now there's a way for people to get scholarships to come and sit by the fire or out by the lake, and read the books, and eat the cornbread, and sleep in the beds and listen to the cowbells tinkling. Stretch your mind while you ease your body. That's what I call a lucky break, and those will be wise and lucky people who take advantage of it.

March 7, 1956

Mr. Walter R. Chivers
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Chivers:

Mighty kind of you to be willing to help me with the man Frank Tomney.

The day he should be on your hands is Saturday, April 7.

He will be staying at the Atlantan Hotel. I will pick him up there and put him into your custody at any time you say. ~~and~~ And I will pick him up when you are ready to turn him loose.

Over here as a part of the International Educational Exchange Service of the United States Department of State. U.S. Department of Labor shoos him around.

Member of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers. Labor MP for a London constituency. Comes from the South of England. Can make talks. Writes. Knows about foreign affairs, British trade union movement, parliamentary procedure, British answer to Communism. Interested in local government, rural life, unions, and "the economic, cultural and social scene of America in general."

Arrived in U.S. February 6. Leaves U.S. April 28.

If you will teach him for that day I will be deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

MEMO

March 7, 1956

TO: HCF, FR, MET, JH, CHP

FROM: GSM

RE: Quarterly Report to The Fund for the Republic

We come now within sneezing distance of the Quarterly Report to The Fund for the Republic - due the end of March.

As you shape what to send me some days before that date I hope that you will bear in my that we have a duty at this juncture to report pretty fully on what role we and the State organizations have played in the present tensions within the South.

March 7, 1956

Professor Buckingham
Georgia Tech
665 Plum Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Buckingham:

Very kind of you to be willing to see the labor MP, name of Frank Tomney, Thursday afternoon, April 5, at your office at 665 Plum Street at 2:30 in the afternoon. Here is dope sheet on the man.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 7, 1956

Mr. Wilfred R. Brunner, Chief
European Branch
Trade Union Programs Division
Office of International Labor Affairs
U.S. Department of Labor
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Brunner:

All right about Mr. Frank Tomney.

I will dump him Thursday, April 5, into unions; Friday into matters agricultural; Saturday into race relations; and Sunday I will take him under my wing and splanify to him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 8, 1956

Miss Doris De Cock
Box 661
Harlowton, Montana

Dear Miss De Cock:

Membership of Negroes and whites in the state affiliates of the Council is one example of the increasing cooperation to be found in the South. A statement describing the Council and its affiliates is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

Copies: Publications list
Statement on SRC
Contents of Changing Patterns

March 8, 1956

Miss Lydia E. Gerhart
Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House
1200 North Thirteenth Street
East St. Louis, Illinois

Dear Miss Gerhart:

There are several enclosures herein which will acquaint you with the materials we have available.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

March 8, 1956

Mr. Wendell P. Butler
Supt. of Public Instruction
State Board of Education
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Butler:

Please send us a copy of your department's recent "Report on Integration."

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

March 8, 1956

Mr. J. C. Webber
Kirby Lane North
Rye, New York

Dear Mr. Webber:

We are sending you a copy of Changing Patterns and the New South containing the report on Negro police. Please send us sixty cents for these pamphlets. A copy of our publications list is enclosed. I believe that the Richmond, Virginia Urban League has made a recent study which may have more recent figures than are included in our study.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

March 8, 1956

Mr. W. E. Garnett
Blacksburg
Virginia

Dear Mr. Garnett:

We are sending you a copy of "The Churches Speak."

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

March 8, 1956

Mr. Tom McGloshen, Jr.
4025 Gilman Avenue
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Mr. McGloshen:

I am sending you a bibliography prepared in our office to assist you in your study of integrated schools. The November 1955 issue of Educational Leadership (Seventy-five Cents for a single copy and available from 1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., Zone 6) deals entirely with "Integrating Minority Groups into the Public Schools." It is a good concise appraisal.

A great deal of information on Kentucky school integration is contained in the September 1955 - March 1956 issues of Southern School News, P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee. In addition, an article entitled "Integration Trial Balance" appeared in the Courier-Journal (Louisville), Section 3, on September 18, 1955.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

March 8, 1956

Mrs. James S. Crate, Chairman
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Our Secretary-Treasurer in scanning the monthly Financial Report from the Texas Commission on Race Relations tells me that in the current fiscal year, which began with October 1, 1955, the Texas Commission on Race Relations has sent to this office no money for subsciptions to New South; no money and no lists of subscribers to New South. Nevertheless the monthly reports have shown you as taking in goodish runs of members.

Will you be good enough to straighten it out?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: RHA

March 8, 1956

Mr. Joseph B. Parham, Editor
The Macon News
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mr. Parham:

Just delighted to see you Wednesday afternoon, March 14 in our office around 3:30 P.M.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

GSM:
Signed by bf in GSM's absence.

March 8, 1956

Miss Jean Gasaway
966 College Station
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Gasaway:

We are enclosing our publications list.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

Copy: HCF

March 9, 1956

Rev. John H. Marion, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 E. Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

I send you separately and quickly twenty copies of the Chamber of Commerce release.

We are dependent on the news breaks on such a matter on what the wire services do. This time they played it for Southern circulation. The papers picked it up only spottily. And outside the South only the New York Times used it so far as we have heard. By good fortune I got a chance to read the thing before television cameras and the availability of the film was notified to television stations all around. So far we haven't heard that anybody showed it.

We will quite possibly run the letter in New South.

I don't see why the Virginia group should not rework the general argument and make it into its own release. I will tell you the honest-to-goodness truth. The first Southern State which shows that it has solved this business will spurt ahead economically. Business people can see that.

Anyway you and Virginia are encouraged to make any use of the notion you want to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell. Signed by his secretary in his absence.

March 9, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are grateful for your report on the advisory committees, and for the added insight gained from your graphs of some of Florida's educational conditions. If other information on advisory committees becomes available, we would appreciate your sending that.

A copy of New South for May 1948 is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

March 12, 1956

Mr. Harold C. Letts,
Secretary for Social Action
Board of Social Missions
United Lutheran Church of America
231 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Letts:

I am honored by the invitation to be at Lutheridge, May 31 and June 1; and most anxious to contrive to be there.

There is a problem. I am long promised to be at Kansas City for a meeting of the Methodist Settlement House people on Wednesday, May 30. I do not think I could cover the distance from Kansas City to Asheville overnight on the 30th and 31st. But if you can allow me until suppertime and the evening of the 31st to get over the ground I am confident I can make it. And I would be on hand all day, June 1.

Probably the plane schedules involved will let me get to Asheville earlier than supper-time on the 31st and I would try. Observe that my getting there will be dependent on the planes. And as we both know, sometimes the things don't fly. I prefer not to take an engagement unless I can get there by train or car which I feel is surer. In this instance I would have to take the engagement contingent on the planes flying.

If you still want me with these unhappy limitations I will be delighted to come. But if, these things considered, I don't fit into what you want, say so. I will understand.

I have long admired the courage and wisdom of the Lutheran Church in these matters.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 12, 1956

Mr. Arthur J. Moore, Associate Editor
World Outlook
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Moore:

I read with great interest your excellent article; and thank you for sending it. I am sure it is hard to judge the balance between restraint and pressure. I think you judged it perfectly.

Come back when you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 12, 1956

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Peachtree-Seventh Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear sirs:

Enclosed fictitiously signed postcard, while not amounting to a threat, is pretty obviously from a disaffected source.

I assume that statistical volume in your files of such items will aid you should you ever need to know who puts out such stuff.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Professor L.E. Aylsworth,
1840 South 23rd.,
Lincoln 2,
NEBRASKA.

March 12th, 1956.

Dear Professor Aylsworth,

Thank you very much for your subscription to New South and especially for your pleasing comments. It is indeed pleasant to hear from readers such as you.

Yes, we did have Mr. Brandt's name wrong but we had taken it from a Virginia paper, which had reprinted it from the Washington paper. The Virginia paper also was in error and we just weren't bright enough to catch it before we went to press.

Again, thanks very much for your kind letter.

Yours sincerely,

John Constable.
Managing Editor, New South.

JC:rl.

Copy: GSA

March 12, 1956

Mr. James E. Stewart
548 NE Fourth Street
Oklahoma City 4, Oklahoma

Dear Jimmy:

We are delighted to have you. Matured deliberation makes good decisions!

We will call on you every once in a while for friendship and for information about Oklahoma. And you must feel free to put us to work for anything we can ever send you as to facts and situations and tendencies in the rest of the Southern States.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Miss Lydia E. Gerhart,
Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House,
1200 North 13th Street,
East St. Louis, Ill.

March 12th, 1956.

Dear Miss Gerhart,

It was good to hear from you and to know that you were sharing the workshop on "Creating a Climate for World Understanding in our Community". The workshop we had for our Conference was more than worth while.

Under separate cover I am mailing you a work book that we have used in State meetings and a copy of the gleanings from the South wide meeting held in Atlanta and some other materials.

With the best of wishes,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:rl.

The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O.,
P. O. Box 895,
Rock Hill,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

March 12th, 1956.

Dear Father Shean,

Thank you so much for your cooperation in our workshop at Columbia last Tuesday. Mrs. England made a very definite contribution to the discussion. In fact, the experience of Rock Hill was the touchstone that set the meeting going. I am sure Mrs. England could tell how quickly she was called on to relate the experience, and for how long questions were hurled at her.

A heart full of thanks.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:rl.

March 12th, 1956.

To: Miss Florence Irving.

Re the letter from Miss Janice Thielman, I suggest you send her copies of:

1. Christian Conscience and the Supreme Court Decision on Segregated Schools.
2. God versus Segregation.
3. I'm Glad I'm White.

Mr. Maxwell Hahn,
The Field Foundation, Inc.,
250 Park Avenue,
New York 17,
NEW YORK.

March 12th, 1956.

Dear Mr. Hahn,

My absence from this city has delayed my reply to your letter of March 2nd. in regard to Highlander Workshop Program on Desegregation. I was in one of these workshops last year, held especially for college young people and it was most stimulating and worth while. I also was impressed with the work of the Highlander Folk School and its influence on the community. In every way I would say an investment in Highlander workshops would be a most worth while way to place the grant again.

Regretting the delay in answering your letter,

I remain,
Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:rl.

March 12, 1956

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Glocester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have not heard from you in regards to the possibility of your attending an area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee here in Atlanta at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16,1956. The meeting will be held at the office of the Council at 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.

We hope that you will find it possible to attend this meeting. It is hoped that this meeting will last no longer than 5:30 P.M. You may be able to secure transportation home the same evening.

Please let us know whether or not you will attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
c.c. Mr. John H. Marion

March 12, 1956

Professor Raymond F. Bellamy
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Professor Bellamy:

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Please let us know whether or not you will attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. Paul Finner

March 12, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Rev. Hughes:

So far we have not heard from you in regard to sending someone from the Alabama Council to an area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee. This meeting is scheduled to be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16, 1956 in Atlanta at the office of the Southern Regional Council.

We are quite aware that you have been ill and that this is not your job but we have not been able to get a response from the other people.

The meeting should last only about 3 or 4 hours and should end around 6:00 P.M.

The Southern Regional Council will pay the travel expenses of your representative to this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

March 12, 1956

Mr. Robert Van Sant, State Director
Farmers Home Administration
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Peachtree-Seventh Building,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bob:

That was as kind as could be of your Administrative Assistant in response to my telephone call Thursday to make arrangements for a visiting British MP to be helped by your Supervisor for these counties.

I will have the man Tomney at Roscoe Jackson's office, Room 239, Old Post Office Building, at 1:15 P.M., Friday, April 6. I am sure Mr. Jackson will drive Tomney around and teach him a very great deal about agriculture hereabouts.

I myself think it would be helpful if Mr. Jackson would be at pains to find for Tomney a landlord and a tenant, and maybe a share tenant. But all is left to Mr. Jackson to instruct.

Here is a sheet about the man Tomney.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

M EM O

March 12, 1956

TO: GSA

FROM: GSM

I approved your revised list of Board members.

I should have caught the fact that D'Orlando is no longer on the Board.

At a meeting of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations three or four months ago he was replaced by a lady from Lake Charles. Replaced that is to say as Chairman of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. Which means that the lady became the ex-officio Board member from the Louisiana Council.

Will you correct and make a card and do all things needful?

Notice also that the entry on Paul Finner is wrong. He has been replaced as Chairman of the Florida Council on Human Relations by somebody else. Fred Routh has the particulars. Please straighten out.

Notice also that the entry on Charles Mantinband is wrong. The present Chairman is Mrs. Ratliffe. Correct it.

Otherwise as I scan the remaining ex-officio names I believe they are correct.

However, Mr. F. Woods Beckman, as Chairman of Tennessee Council on Human Relations, is now in his latest days or weeks of Chairmanship. Consult Fred Routh as to when that name can have its replacement come up.

Suggest that you establish schedule machinery with Fred Routh that will notify you of all changes in State Chairmanships and State representatives.

Notice also that Jimmy Stewart does now accept membership on Board. I have acknowledged. Ruth Alexander is attending to the Oklahoma City subscriptions matter.

Copies:

March 12, 1956

Mr. Nicholas C. Read
Potomac Film Producers, Inc.
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Nick:

How very nice!

Like George Stoney I enter skittishly on a movie on integrated schools. In the past pictures haven't helped much. Often they have hurt like the dickens. But more lately I have come around to the view that prejudiced Southern white people in overcoming their prejudices must overcome the one that they have about pictures of Negro people. If we are to learn humaneness, humaneness must include pictured people.

Poke around the edges of the NEA and see if you can find any interest there. If they would get behind it, it would go rolling through.

I guess I will be glad to be on any committee to consider the matter.

Best State to fool with is probably Kentucky.

The wisest available person for advice on the temper and content of a script is Gertrude Noar. ADL puts you in touch with her. Also to be consulted: Irene Osborne, who master-minded the job in Washington and is now peripatetic hereabouts for us though still hung to AFSC.

We live though we feel beleaguered.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 12, 1956

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

When you called me way back there in February I put down on my calendar that I must be at Charleston March 10. And so it stayed on my calendar. And March 10 duly went I to Charleston. I got in from New Orleans the night before. I arose Saturday morning at 4:00 A.X. and took myself to Charleston on thy account. Arrived at 9:11 and speared about by 'phone and finally dug up your friend, The Rev. Mr. Metz, who said all a "mistakio." Thereabouts they had a notion of April, but it won't even be then.

I had a pleasant lunch at Charleston and got the 4:10 plane home. This morning at the office I noticed that in your letter of March 5 you had made some reference to the May 9-10 conference in Charleston. I had not caught that reference and had not changed my calendar.

In any case that is countered by the fact that I wrote you March 2 and said I would show in Charleston bright and early Saturday, March 10. The highest alertness in your office might have buzzed me to say, "Fly not, March 10."

Now for sho' nuff when is your meeting in Charleston and do you still want me over there?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 12, 1956

Rev. F.P. Metz
93 Beaufain Street
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mr. Metz:

You were as kind as could be and I am most grateful to you.

I found when I got back that unobtrusively in some subsequent letter Sissel had made mention of a May 9-10 meeting in Charleston, but I had thereafter made mention to him of my purposes to travel to Charleston March 10. I guess we are just a pair of guys so busy with busyness that we don't read the mail with care.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 12, 1956

Mr. Algernon Black, Education Director
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Algernon:

The correct address of Emil and Joey Willimitz concerning whom I wrote you March 5 is:

7807 W. Acres Drive
Route 1
Concord, Tennessee

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 13, 1956

Mr. Ambrose Caliver
Assistant to the Commissioner and
Chief, Adult Education Section
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Office of Education
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ambrose:

Hi! Thank you very much for your kind remarks about New South.

About a year ago we did stick together the best of what had been in the maggie during the last six or eight years. I send you a copy separately. It is called Changing Patterns in the New South. You could help us get it sold or at least more widely known.

Special P.S. to thy secretary: The booklet is a grey and orangish color. Do please put it on Mr. Caliver's desk.

P.P.S. I send also ten promotion leaflets about Changing Patterns in the New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 13, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street,
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

I am not asleep on the two agricultural projects.

My friend at the University of Kentucky is poking for a plan from that University toward the study of how to educate for long term leases.

I hear, as yet informally, that the University of North Carolina people like the idea of the statistics on the plantation belt. We have had a brains session on what to call it. Thus far the winner is "Liberty and Justice for How Many?"

I am expecting a telephone call from Chapel Hill that should push that one a good deal further along.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 13, 1956

Miss Elsa Alsberg
Fair Play Council
180 University Avenue
Palo Alto, California

Dear Miss Alsberg:

This is in reply to Mrs. Lachenbruce's letter of March 8.

I went to Montgomery three weeks ago. It is a difficult situation, and they need money. The point about Montgomery is that the resistance there is entering into the mind of all Negro people in America. After this business there the resistance by the Negro people to other economic pressures started by the Citizens' Councils will be qualitatively different. They won't scare and they won't "go back to their places." And they will pervasively push their claim of what is rightfully theirs. So all in all it is very helpful. The NAACP has stuck by the boycott group in Montgomery and has given them money themselves. I admire the NAACP and think it does right.

Probably the wisest account of Montgomery matters is in the March 8 issue of The Reporter, where and Episcopalian clergyman named Thrasher -- a good friend of ours -- tells the story. Thrasher recommends, and the Negro papers recommend, that donations be sent to:

The Rev. M.L. King, Jr.
Montgomery Improvement Association
120 Mildred Street
Montgomery, Alabama

There is nothing wrong about outside people coming in or sending money in. I have never thought that the South got anywhere by deploring the interests of other people in the things that are wrong hereabouts. What we should do is correct the things that are wrong.

I am a devoted NCALL-er and only wish we and it did more.

Incidentally, sometime when your Palo Alto group has money to burn, send to the Southern Regional Council a dollar or two and it will be mighty grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 13, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

You were kindness itself to me and I am very grateful. And so is Marion Wright.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 13, 1956

Mr. John Hope
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I am poised in production of a drive-it-home begging letter to get the group in New York to pay off on your program for months to come.

My strongest argument is that what you are doing works.

I have slotted Fred to give me a squeeze-together, bursting-with-juiciness papagraph on Virginia and on Arkansas. One paragraph for each. Such a paragraph is an inch and a half of single space.

Dr. Will used to tell me that in New Orleans in a particular time of the year the fancy restaurants serve a stage of crabs called busters. These critters have shed their hard shell; wear a soft one; and contain within their bodies all of the secretions about to make a new fancy shell. So you see what kind of paragraph I want.

On the way home from the meeting, haul off and think about what the meeting really did and write that down quicko and, please sir, send it to me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: Fred Routh

March 13, 1956

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Review
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

We have misfiled the one and only copy of Interracial Review for December 1955 with in it "How To Be Helpful Though Northern."

I don't want to put the girls to four thousand dollars worth of looking for the one million dollar item.

Would you be so kind as to send one more.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

March 13, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: GSM

RE: TEXAS MONEY-RAISING

The New Orleans meeting of the SRC Finance Committee had Mr. Charles Shaw present.

Interalia, a Mrs. Maccashan in Houston is Will Clayton's daughter-in-law. She is somewhat interested in these matters and is exceedingly influential. One Bob Smith at Houston is notably rich and Mrs. Maccashan has influence with him. One Lawson Fleming is now head of Anderson-Clayton and could be interested in it.

March 13, 1956

Mr. George Macmillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

Our friend, Bill Boyd, died Saturday.

Come back to see us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 13, 1956

Mr. Albert E. Manley, President
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Manley:

Alice and George Mitchell will be happy to come over on Sunday afternoon, April 15, for Founder's Day celebration.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

M E M O

March 13, 1956

TO: JC

FROM: GSM

Will you take it on yourself to be interpreter and simplifier of the Quakerisms in these two items?

I would like to get a memorandum to our State groups telling what these birds can do.

But for the life of me I can't puzzle out what they can or ~~can't~~ won't do.

Will you puzzle and see if you can dope it out and draft a memo to the State people.

It will have to hedge and say these birds are their own authorities.

Mrs. E.P. Cudd,
1604 N. Fourth Street,
Monroe,
LOUISIANA.

March 13th, 1956.

Dear Mrs. Cudd,

Mrs. Goldthwait has sent me your letter to her concerning the work shop.

Last year we had a meeting here in Atlanta of the Protestant (both races) Women's Societies from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana. At this meeting a suggestion was made by one of the Jewish group that State workshops be spear-headed by the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations of the Council of Church Women. Miss Stamats was present and agreed. The State work shops followed and are now being repeated.

I am enclosing a copy of "The Gleanings" from Mrs. Goldthwait's work shop.

Now as to procedure:

1. You make up your own invitation list. (If you wish, you may send your letter and list to us, to be mimeographed, envelopes addressed and stamped, and all returned to you for your signature and mailing).

2. You will have $200 for travel and lunches (usually this has been a box lunch sent in) - of your denominational leaders, speakers and resource people. I will be with you but my expense will not come out of the $200.

3. You select your own speakers - usually we have had a strong worship message (all this must be built on religious principles) - and a lawyer.

The rest of the day is usually given over to questions and answers, experiences, buzz groups, as you may wish.

Generally we give no publicity and so state this in the invitation letter.

5. You will need a good secretary to gather up your "gleanings", and, if you wish, these can be mimeographed in our office and mailed out for you.

Your May dates are all right for me, but let me know as soon as possible which day you select.

In conclusion, I would say these work shops have been most worth while and I am sure yourswill be also. Church women meeting together, praying together, searching for God's will and God's way will surely become bulwarks of strength for our South in these difficult days of social change. Our "Fellowship of the Concerned" through several years has proved its worth whileness.

God's blessings on you as you prepare for your May workshop.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly.
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:rl.
Encl.

MEMORANDUM

TO: G.S.M.

FROM: G.S.A.

RE: Monsignor Brunini's election to Board

Monsignor Brunini was nominated for election to the board by the Nominating Committee on October 8, 1955. He was subsequently elected by the board on November 9, 1955.

Through an error he was carried on the nomination list as being re-elected since I had seen his name on the list of the Board of Directors prior to the November 9th meeting.

As it stands now Monsignor Brunini has not been invited to serve on the board, hence he cannot be carried as a board member until he has been invited and accepts.

3/13/56

Mr. Joseph P. Lyford,
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.,
60 East 42nd. Street,
New York 17, N. Y.

March 13th, 1956.

Dear Joe,

Many thanks for your good comment on our statement to the Chambers of Commerce. We are most pleased to hear that it went to your Board. I hope we will have a chance for a good talk when I am next in New York.

Meanwhile, all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming.
Assistant Director.

HCF:rl.

Miss Ruth M. Davis,
The Reporter,
136 East 57th Street,
New York 22, N. Y.

March 13th, 1956.

Dear Miss Davis,

We are delighted by your offer to supply us with 400 copies of the March 8 issue of the Reporter for distribution to Board members. We will get the mailing out promptly on receipt of the magazines.

I am very much interested in the possibility of securing reprints of the Thrasher article. It will take me several days to explore that, after which you will hear from me.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming.
Assistant Director.

HCF:rl.

The Rev. Gaylord B. Noyce,
The United Church,
Hillsboro and Dawson Streets,
Raleigh, N. C.

March 13th, 1956.

Dear Mr. Noyce,

Your letter on the recent "Town Meeting" was much appreciated. I had already heard very favorable comments about it from people who were present.

Unfortunately, our small printing budget is already overcommitted, and it would be impossible for us to make the kind of subsidy which you need. If means should be found to print the presentations, we would be interested in buying at least a small number of copies for distribution to our key people. I wish we were in a position to do more, but please accept our warm congratulations and good wishes for your uniquely constructed program.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:rl.

Dr. Tilman C. Cothran,
Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College,
Pine Bluff,
ARKANSAS.

March 13th, 1956.

Dear Dr. Cothran,

We have read your manuscript with interest and admiration and plan to use it in an early issue of NEW SOUTH. I greatly appreciate the promptness and excellence with which you complied with our request.

Fred Routh tells me that he and C.H. Parrish talked with you about our fact finding program the other day. I am looking forward to working with you as this program unfolds.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:rl.

Mr. David Loth,
Piermont,
Rockland County,
NEW YORK.

March 13th, 1956.

Dear Mr. Loth,

I am glad the Fund put you in business so promptly. We are making some headway -- though not as much as I had hoped -- and I trust we can soon compare notes.

Irene Osborne is working out of this office and will be in the field for the next ten days. I am sure she would be glad to cooperate with your researcher, who can write to her care of this office.

We enjoyed your visit to Atlanta and I am looking forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:rl.

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas,
The American Jewish Committee,
386 Fourth Avenue,
New York 16, N. Y.

March 13th, 1956.

Dear Ed:

Thanks so much for the photostat of the UP article quoting Isvestia on the desegregation decision. With a few changes, it could easily pass as the comment of some of our demagogues. We certainly want to revive this significant parallelism.

We had a good visit from Seymour Samet the other day. I was much impressed with his idea of seeking the establishment of a Department of Integration within the U.S. Office of Education. We also discussed the desirability of the Administration quietly using its influence with top business and industrial leaders in the South. I hope you will find ways to give both of these ideas a boost.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:rl.

Dr. Frank C. Foster,
University of Maine,
Orono,
MAINE.

March 13th, 1956.

Dear Dr. Foster,

Thanks for your kind letter and for the reprint of your article in the Maine Alumnus. Your summary is very good and particularly timely just now.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director.

HCF:rl.

Same letter sent to: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Mr. Walter Sharp
Dr. W. L. Greene
Mr. H. A. Baker

March 13, 1956

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville,
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We are looking forward to seeing you at the area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee which will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16, 1956 at the SRC office in Atlanta (63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.).

It is hoped that the meeting will last no longer than 5:30 P.M. If transportation schedules permit you may be able to return home on the same evening.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

March 13, 1956

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Peachtree-Seventh Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

I sent you yesterday an item received at my home. Today one received at the office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 13, 1956

VIA AIR MAIL

Dr. A. Lee Coleman
Department of Rural Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington 29, Kentucky

Dear Doctor Coleman:

We are enclosing a "Briefing Statement on Texas" which has been prepared by the research department of this office. Mr. Hope has asked that we get this information to you.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
c.c. Mr. John Hope

Encls.

March 13, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
c/o Mr. Kenneth Holbert
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Hope:

The enclosed materials are sent to Texas in the event either you or Mr. Coleman may not have received these before leaving your home states.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

March 13, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hope:

The Texas information in the files is meager and widely scattered. A few statistics and facts are on the briefing statement. I wonder if the enclosed article from the March 4th Dallas Morning News would not be helpful. Mr. Coleman has been sent this information.

Please inform me of the schedule for the remaining conferences as that information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

March 14, 1956

Federal Bureau of Investigation
805 Peachtree St., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Enclosed fictitiously signed postcard, while not amounting to a threat, is pretty obviously from a disaffected source.

I assume that statistical volume in your files of such items will aid you should you ever need to know who puts out such stuff.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 14, 1956

State Highway Department
Richmond, Virginia

Dear sir:

I travel a good deal in your State and find my journeys much assisted by having a freshly revised issue of your State map of the Highway system. I enclose ten cents in postage and would be most grateful for your kindness in sending me the latest available issue of your highway map.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Sent also to North Carolina
Tennessee
Alabama
South Carolina
Georgia

March 14, 1956

Mr. George Bell
Yale University Divinity School
Box No. 10, 409 Prospect Street
New Haven 11, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bell:

We are sending you our publications list and a bibliography which may be of assistance in your study. Two other useful references are:

Educational Leadership, November 1955.

The Annals, March 1956.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

March 14, 1956

Miss Monalee Crane
Room 429, Goddard Hall
Michigan State Normal College
Ypsilanti, Michigan

Dear Miss Crane:

We are enclosing our publications list.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

March 14, 1956

Mrs. Victoria E. Warner
Instructor in Social Work
The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mrs. Warner:

We are enclosing our publications list and a statement on the Council.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

March 14, 1956

Miss Eileen Greenstein
105 Clarke Place
Bronx 52, New York

Dear Miss Greenstein:

We are enclosing our publications list.

Please refer to two issues of the New York Times, Sunday, February 19, 1956, News of Week Review Section, and March 13, 1956, "Report on the South", for helpful information.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

March 14, 1956

Miss Mamie Olita Byrd
Route 1, Box 344
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Miss Byrd:

We are sending you a bibliography which should guide you in your study of "The Negro and Education." Other pamphlets are also included . Our publications list is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

March 14, 1956

Mrs. Mary P. Sargent
Senior Class
Gary High School
Gary, West Virginia

Dear Mrs. Sargent:

We are sending you our publications list in order that you may determine if any of our materials will be suitable for student use in the commencement program.

I am aware of two very appropriate plays available from the Division of Youth Services of the American Jewish Committee, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York. They are "Brotherhood's A Full Time Job" and "The Most Precious Words in the World." Probably they have other materials for distribution also. You might also contact the Anti-Defamation League and the Dept. of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches regarding their program materials. The address of the former is 212 Fifth Avenue, New York, and that of the latter is 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

March 14, 1956

Miss Janice Thielman
Route 2
Defiance, Ohio

Dear Miss Thielman:

We are sending you the following materials to assist you in your study:

Christian Conscience and the Supreme Court Decision on Segregated Schools.

Think on These Things.

I'm Glad I'm White.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

March 14, 1956

Dr. James H. Robinson
Department of Sociology
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Monday, March the 19th will end the sixth week that several of our books have been on loan to you. I hope they have been of service to you and that you will be able to return them by March 20, 1956.

The books which you are to return to us are:

The Strange Career of Jim Crow
C. Vann Woodward
The Negro and the Schools
Harry Ashmore
Schools in Transition
Robin M. Williams, Jr.
Margaret W. Ryan

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

March 14, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Here are somewhat pro forma Minutes of the portion of the Finance Committee that met at New Orleans, March 9.

I have written at length to Mr. Shaw to follow up on the proposals he made. Mr. Miller from Mississippi has sent in a list of fifteen-odd people for us to cultivate and whom he would be willing to pull together later on.

I have written letters with the men from Arkansas and Louisiana, to go with the Minutes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Copies: Mrs. Lyells
Mr. S.W. Miller

March 14, 1956

Mr. Earl Banks
People's Funeral Home
North Parish Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Banks:

Mr. S.W. Miller is Finance Chairman for the Mississippi Council on Human Relations and the Mississippi member of the Finance Committee of the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

He has suggested that I send over to you some recent issues of our publication, New South, and a leaflet about the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls.

Letter and last two issues of New South and grey leaflet sent to the following:

Mr. Earl Banks
People's Funeral Home
North Farish St.

Dr. C.L. Barnes
115½ N. Farish Street
Dr. C.D. Christian
119½ N. Farish St.

Mrs. M.C. Collins
415 N. Farish St.

Dr. A.M. Hall
115½ N. Farish St.

Mr. Edward Lee, Senior
Edward Lee Hotel
114 W. Church St.

Mr. E.L. Lipscomb
Security Life Insurance Co.
125½ N. Farish St.

Dr. W. E. Miller
1040 Dalton St.

Dr. G.A. Price
119½ N. Farish St.

Mr. J.L. Reddix
1325 Lynch Street

Rev. A.L. Rice
1325 Lynch Street

Mr. I.S. Sanders
Lanier High School
833 Maple Street

Mr. George Stutts
1423 Rondo Street

Mr. W.J. Summers
Summers Hotel
619 W. Pearl Street

Mr. W.H. Williams
Security Life Insurance Co.
125½ N. Farish St.

Mr. Clarence Winters
318½ N. Farish St.

All are located in Jackson, Mississippi

(S. W/ Miller
Finance Chairman)

Copy: Mrs. Lyells

March 14, 1956

Mr. S. W. Miller, Finance Chairman
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Miller:

Very many thanks indeed for your letter of March 12.

Here are the Minutes of the meeting which you were so kind as to come to.

I had assumed that the Mississippi Council on Human Relations had a Finance Committee itself but as Finance work for the Mississippi Council on Human Relations is done by the MCHR's Executive Committee that is all right.

I have written to each of the gentlemen whom you listed and sent the enclosed items of literature. If you will write me as well ahead as you can of a date suitable for getting these men together, I or someone from this office will gladly come to Jackson to meet with you and them.

The expense check is enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 14, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
2206 Dowling Street
Housten, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Here are the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee the other day.

Mr. Wright and I were much impressed with your wisdom and knowledge.

I send you ten copies of each of the last two issues of New South and ten promotion leaflets now in use. I believe you were to send these to people whom you wish to interest. And at a later time you might deem it appropriate to plan also to get these people together at a time when Mitchell or some other staff person from this office could be over and meet with the group.

More promotion material gladly if it would serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

COPY: Mrs. James S. Crate

MEMO

March 14, 1956

TO: IRENE OSBORNE

FROM: GSM

A pleasant Mr. Bert Collier of the Miami Herald and Florida correspondent for SERS came to see you, found you gone, and left his well wishes.

March 15, 1956

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension
The Methodist Episcopal Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear People:

Your steady support helps us boundlessly and we are exceedingly grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 15, 1956

Prof. R.C. Reynaud
1413 Mill Street
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Reynaud:

Here are the somewhat sketchy Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting which you so kindly came over to, March 9. Mr. Miller has sent us a list of people whom he wishes us to cultivate and whom he will fetch together later on. I have sent Mr. Shaw various items of literature for his own use in letting us be known to his friends. We will be glad to help you in any way we can.

I haven't yet had your Expense account for the trip but hope you will shortly send it on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls. (/)

Copy: Milton C. Vigo

March 15, 1956

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
119 East Barraque Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Branton:

Most kind of you to come over to New Orleans for the Finance Meeting. Here is a copy of the rather sketchy minutes.

I have sent these minutes also to Mr. Booker and am asking him to take up the burden of trying to get together one thousand dollars for the Southern Regional Council and one thousand for the Arkansas Council on Human Relations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

P.S. Meanwhile your Expense account has come in and here is the check for it.

Copy: Mr. Nat Griswold

March 15, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

We think we succeeded in getting through the mails to you the speech of the man who runs the Civil Rights Section in the Department of Justice. If we didn't get one to you let us know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 15, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Hubert
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Pat and Giles:

A lady named Violet K. Richards is a boss-queen of a workshop coming up. I get to go down to the workshop, at Dillard, March 27, 28 and 29.

I hope this will give me my long awaited chance to come see you.

Which evening I don't know but we will have to skirt around whatever nighttime arrangements M iss Richards has made.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: Wiley Branton

March 15, 1956

Mr. J.R. Booker
Century Building
Sixth and Gaines
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Booker:

We were grateful for Mr. Branton's presence at the little gathering of people from the Southern Regional Council Finance Committee meeting in New Orleans, March 9.

Here are Minutes of that meeting.

I trust that you and Mr. Branton will be in agreement that in each Southern State an effort should be made between now and October to fetch together about one thousand dollars for the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta and one thousand dollars for the State organization - in this case the Arkansas Council on Human Relations.

We here are anxious to be of service to you in any matter. We could send out copies of our publications to any modest list of persons you might wish cultivated. Or we could write this one or that. And we would stand ready on your call to come to Arkansas and meet with any group of persons you might draw together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 15, 1956

Miss
Violet K. Richards, Chairman
The Planning Committee
Principals' Workshop
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear ~~Mrs.~~ Miss Richards:

From your helpful letter and still more from our conversation last Friday afternoon I hope I know part of what I ought to be getting ready for the meetings March 27, 28 and 29.

I will do my best to get there for the 9:00 A.M. session March 27, but I've got a meeting in Atlanta onethe day before and I may trail in a little later than 9:00 A.M.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 15, 1956

Mr. Thurgood Marshall, Director and Counsel
Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
107 West 43rd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Thurgood:

Many thanks for your note. We ~~were~~ to talk about the Highlander matter. I am to be in New York for a crowded day April 9.

Have to be at ILGWU from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M., and at AJC luncheon, 4 East 60th Street, from 12:00 til 3:00 P.M.

Take your pick of shortly after 11:00 A.M. or shortly after 3:00 P.M.

If I'm unlucky and catch you out of town, I'm just unlucky.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 15, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I think all the changes are good and have adopted them. Plus all bitsy ones. Have knocked out twenty-one words.

If you like as is or with verbal changes, run.

I have heard from Thurgood Marshall that he would like to talk. Will be in New York April 9 and will try to see him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 15, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Marion:

Harold has mailed out the Schlesinger letter to each State organisation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 15, 1956

Rabbi Bergman
Turuo Synagogue
St. Charles Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Rabbi Bergman:

I am going to be at Dillard, March 27, 28 and 29, in the custody of Miss Violet K. Richards who runs the School of Education there.

I let you know, in case I may be useful one way or another that would fit in with whatever Dillard has planned.

Very nice to see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 15, 1956

Mr. Ivor A. Trapolin
National Bank of Commerce Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Trapolin:

That's most kind and thoughtful of you.

I enclose the following items:

- ✓Leaflet - "The Southern Regional Council."
- Story from Hearst Journal-American, Nov. 7, 1955
- Information about the persons libelled in the Journal-American story
- Column from Chattanooga Times, November 13, 1955
- List of all persons who had been members of Executive Committee of SRC through October, 1955
- News story from Richmond Times-Dispatch, April 25, 1953
- List of members of the Board of Directors of SRC as of March 14, 1956
- Memorandum re "Attack on the SRC," prepared in October, 1955, shortly after the Attorney-General of Georgia had made accusatory (though brief) mention of SRC in a talk mostly denouncing the NAACP
- Letters from Prof. Howard Odum and from the Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara, in 1954.
- Publication of SRC entitled "Changing Patterns in the New South," as covering pretty well the Council's points of view in past years.
- Policy Statement, adopted in 1951.
- Interesting article re attitude of Communist Russia toward the U.S. Supreme Court's decision of 1954.

Any of these could be forwarded to responsible persons.

The truth is that the Southern Regional Council was formed and has been carried only by persons firmly American and anti-Communist. Understandable that bigots, attempting to score in unrelated campaigns of their own, should accuse us of being influenced by Communism; understandable, but in error; and deeply hurtful to the cause of Americanism.

Please let me know if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls.

Copy: Milton Vigo

March 15, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

This confirms our telephone conversation Tuesday.

My understanding is that Mr. Edgar Stern on the written solicitation of Rabbi Leipziger has sent to Rabbi Leipziger Mr. Stern's check for four hundred dollars. I further understand that Mr. Stern in the negotiations made it clear to Rabbi Leipziger that Mr. Stern had customarily sent three hundred dollars or more to SRC and that he would this year shift that amount to assist the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. (And some further thought in circumstances of dire need he could add another one hundred later). I suggest you send the whole check on to SRC so that it will become a tax-exempt contribution.

step up

We will then return three hundred of it temporarily at any rate to you.

When I'm in New Orleans, March 27, 28 and 29, I will visit Mr. Kabacoff and try to learn whether Mr. Stern would entertain an idea of an additional contribution to SRC this year, or whether he regards this contribution as having been his customary contribution to the efforts made by SRC and its affiliates.

If the four hundred dollars is the whole of Mr. Stern's intended contribution for this fiscal year I think that there will be some grounds for supposing that the New Orleans Committee and the Louisiana Council on Human Relations should send at least another one hundred of the amount back to SRC - possibly three hundred all together to SRC.

Be assured however that our first desire is to be fair and a helpful parent to our forces in Louisiana and New Orleans.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

March 15, 1956

Mr. Rufus Green
St. John's Pro-Cathedral
Sixth Avenue
Bulawayo,
Southern Rhodesia

Dear Rufus:

The Mitchell finances are slender but I send you a green U.S. dollar which ought to buy a few shillings. My admiration for the building coming up.

Your many friends remember you and miss you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls. (2)

March 15, 1956

Mr. Jack Sessions
Acting Director
ILGWU Training Institute
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Jack Sessions:

This confirms my agreement to be at your service from 9 til 11 on Monday morning, April 9. I have to be up there for some luncheon that day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 15, 1956

Mr. R. Mayne Albright
Insurance Building
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mayne:

It's good stuff and we are grateful. What the South needs above everything else now is honest men, like you, who will tell us all the truth.

For my money, the truth is that in any place whatsoever, if white and Negro people will sit down together in recognition of equal human dignity they can reach agreement on a wise course of action.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 15, 1956

Rev. John H. Marion, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 E. Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

I am greatly obliged for the envelope-full of clippings, that brought me up to date on these stirrings of commonsense in the Commonwealth.

As a sometime academic researcher I am wedded to the notion that clips ought each and severally to have scribbled on them the paper from which they came and the date of that paper. Then clips live into footnotes, which is heaven for clips. Suggestion that Mlle. Secretary pick up this habit.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 15, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Here is Mr. Gray's check. We are agreeable to the reasoning. I would urge though that if you do plan to use him actively and pretty much on a full-time basis you shift to a consultant relationship. But you know generally speaking I am in favor of full-time and active staff help.

We will miss your Finance man come Friday.

We will be delighted to see you and Mr. Hunter and Mr. Pierce come March 23.

We are sorry about pressure but it seems all around.

We are glad you are well enough to write letters.

Mrs. Ruth Alexander, our Secretary-Treasurer, returns the Withholding Exemption Certificate for Mr. Gray, because Mr. Gray has not signed nor dated nor totaled up the number of exemptions - in the box.

I think it would be mechanically proper for you to get the Withholding Exemption Certificate signed by Mr. Gray before you turn loose the check.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls. (2)

March 16, 1956

Mr. David J. Galligan, Executive Director
Chicopee Taxpayers Association, Inc.
48 Center Street
Chicopee, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Galligan:

I'm mighty sorry, but we are the wrong outfit for your letter of March 8. I've searched for people of my acquaintance who could get together the information you need, and the search is fruitless.

So though the delay is regrettable I can't think of anything to do but send your letter back, and suggest you try to aim it this time at an opposite number hereabouts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

Encls. (2)

March 16, 1956

Mr. C.A. Knight, President
Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers' International Union
1840 California Street
Denver 2, Colorado

Dear Mr. Knight:

The Southern Regional Council asks your International Union to see if it can make us a donation of one thousand dollars this year.

The Southern Regional Council descends out of the work begun in 1919 by the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation. It took this new name and new friends in 1944. It took me on as Executive Director in 1947, coming with a gap of a year or two from a job as Southeastern Regional Director of the CIO-PAC. The Southern Regional Council tries to get people within the South -- white and Negro -- to meet and work together on solutions of our common problems. In thirty-five years at the job we have accumulated a good many friends and some channels for getting things done. We have been steady friends to organised labor -- and they to us.

Two or three years ago, after a period of near starvation, we got substantial help from The Fund for the Republic, set up by the Ford Foundation. And with that help we have got going in each of the twelve Southern States a State-based, independent race relations agency. They call themselves typically the Tennessee Council on Human Relations or Alabama Council on Human Relations or Texas Commission on Race Relations. Pretty much all of them have leaders of organised labor on their Boards. They employ paid staffs and they work to produce a climate within which white and Negro interests can grow in freedom and friendly understanding across the State. They are being useful right now in Texas in trying to set up a situation in which the State AFL-CIO conference can be unhampered by segregation.

I wrote Mr. Meany not long since that I went last summer to a training school in Fayetteville, Arkansas. About the third evening the boys got together in an off-the-record session with a little beer. At 11:00

at night a hard-bitten Cajun from Louisiana said, "I see it. The same ___ ___ ___'s __ ____'s that put these right-to-work laws over on us are the guys that say the colored kids can't come to school with ours." I told Mr. Meany that the Southern Regional Council agrees but it has to watch its language.

We are a truthful body; educational and not propagandist; and we are respected all over the South for being willing to say what needs to be said. I don't say we are popular all over the South but I do say we are listened to.

Like anybody helped by a foundation we have to raise astronomical sums in order to qualify for each successive year's foundation help. This year we have to put together at least $55,000 from private sources!

The Churches help us and labor helps us. The Methodists and the Northern Presbyterians and the Southern Presbyterians and the Episcopalians and two or three more all give us money in goodish lumps. Steel gives us a thousand. The Auto Workers give us a thousand. The AFL for the last three years has chipped in a thousand. The CIO long gave us a thousand a year. ILG gives us five hundred. The Rubber Workers help us. And so on.

Paul Christopher, nowadays the Regional Director for Tennessee and Kentucky for the AFL-CIO, has for years and years been a member of our Executive Committee and one of my most trusted friends.

Obviously we have some effect in preparing the ground for greater success for all of the unions and for your union.

I know that union treasuries are often these days hard-pressed. But at the same time you know that we are in the midst of a grave and difficult situation in the Southern States. Our forces, State by State, are your friends; and we ask you to be ours.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: Paul Christopher

March 16, 1956

Mr. Walter C. Pinkston, Chairman
Social Action Committee
Kappa Omicron Chapter
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
400 Convent Avenue #56
New York 31, New York

Dear Mr. Pinkston:

I guess we are lucky.

The American Jewish Committee's New York Chapter has me coming up there to be on hand for a luncheon Monday, April 9. So it is an easy matter for me to be with your group on Sunday afternoon, April 8. (You didn't name the hour, but I presume it is afternoon, or evening - which?). A Sunday morning engagement I would have difficulty with, owing to engagements here, but Sunday P.M. I can make.

AJC pays my expenses up, so we haven't that to consider. But I would like to collect for the Southern Regional Council a modest fee from your group. I would think fifty dollars would be right, but if it's more than could be mustered, I would do with what less could be got together.

Write me back as soon as you can, or call me here - WAlnut 1821 or WAlnut 7963.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 16, 1956

President's Committee on Government Contracts
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

We received with profit two copies of your Second Annual Report. I have twelve State organisations in the South to each of which I would like to send a copy. Can you send me twelve more?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

Copies: FBR
JH
CHP

March 16, 1956

Mr. W.I. Gibson, Director
Office of Public Relations
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Gibson:

We are sending separately the photograph and biographical sketch of Dr. Mitchell requested in your letter of March 15. We would much appreciate your returning the photograph when you have finished with it.

Sincerely,

Beth Friedman,
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

bf

March 16, 1956

Mr. Walter R. Chivers
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Chivers:

You haven't told me when to bring Frank Tomney over to you, on April 8. So (if I may, for the sake of buttoning things up) I propose that I produce him at your office at the College at ten o'clock in the morning.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

March 16, 1956

FROM: GSM

TO: HCF, JC, FBR, MET, RHA, GSA, JH, CHP

On March 8, one Clement Alexander of Doubleday and Company in New York called at the instance of Tartt Bell and Hodding Carter. Doubleday is publishing a book by one Father Huddlesberg, an Anglican priest of Johannesburg, South Africa. Huddlesberg, a persuaded race relationist, who early in his book says he does not make the mistake of being impartial and who braved a passage with no less a dignitary than the Archbishop of Canterbury who had suggested to Huddlesberg that Huddlesberg should show charity and seek persuasiveness toward the South African nationalists.

Huddlesberg is over here on a private occasion connected with a 50th anniversary of a school in Connecticut.

Tartt Bell and Hodding Carter had told Alexander that maybe SRC could fetch Huddlesberg into the South and use the man as a persuader of some Southern bad eggs, such as J.U. Barr.

I said SRC was used to having such persons handed to SRC on a silver platter and to teaching such persons what this is all about but that we had no silver platters.

Told Alexander where the platters were in New York; and said we would be happy to have Huddlesberg to teach him and moderately to use him if somebody else put Huddlesberg on a silver platter and sent him here.

March 16, 1956

Mrs. Maurice Bondy Peiser
6106 Park Lane
Dallas 25, Texas

Dear Mrs. Peiser:

I am all appreciation.

Your Dallas Section is being wise and right. The thing to do is to study the matter, and join with others in the various neighborhood to piece together a factual pciture of the Dallas School System. Then there will be at least a few people, white and Negro, who have the accurate facts, and who can quiet the silly rumors that will pop when desegregation gets nearer. And in the process of studying the facts together the women will make friends, and that is the beginning of all health.

Item in the red-bordered FACTS WITH WHICH TO ACT. Under II. (Sp. matter in the title — Affected). "The problems facing these States are real. Negroes comprise over 50% of their population." No so. 45% (and less) in Mississippi. Lower still in the next highest, which is South Carolina. Quite true as we all know that there are counties with figures up to 84%; but not any whole States - not since the census of 1920, I believe.

I have asked Mr. Hurlbert, who lives in Dallas and works for the Texas Commission on Race Relations, which we help, to send you a copy of a pamphlet we did called ANSWERS FOR ACTION. Never mind the text (though it's useful). Peer at the map in the back. That teaches volumes. And answers most of your Texas problems.

We or any friends we may have in Texas are at your service.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

cc: Rev. Edw. Kloppe

March 16, 1956

Rev. Edward N. Kloppe, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

If Mrs. Peaser doesn't belong to the Texas Commission you should get her in. Worth a trip to enlist the support of her and of the Dallas Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, in which she evidently has responsibility.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Execuitve Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 16, 1956

Mr. Kenneth Holbert
2531 Forest Avenue
Dallas 15, Texas

Dear Mr. Holbert:

Mrs. Maurice B. Peiser, at 6106 Park Lane, Dallas 25, needs a copy of Answers for Action. We are clean out. Here is eighteen cents in postage. Please send her one.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 16, 1956

Mr. Edward D. Hollander, National Director
Americans for Democratic Action
1341 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ed:

I am at heart a union guy. What life has taught me is that you don't get much in this world until you organize to get it. Point is, as you see, that the Negro people are now, in these weeks for the first time, organizing to get their rights. And, when a common mind has been achieved, they'll get their rights.

Nice thing is that the klucks who run the Citizens' Councils suppose that they are dealing with the Negro people their daddies knew, being people who could be bullied back into "their place" by threats and scaring this one and that. And the more the Citizens' Councils do to push people back the more people organize to get what they should. So there's an automatic engine operating, and it's always nice to watch a push-button civilization a'working.

Some analogy to the way the Irish in the USA help free the Irish in Ireland. Many other examples. Encouragement, funds, praise, sanctuary. All these, steadily and wisely provided from the North, will help.

Best,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 16, 1956

Mrs. Eleanor W. Ashman, Supervisor
Speakers' Bureau
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Ashman:

All straight and I will be there Monday, April 9, at the Harmonie Club at 4 East 60th Street a few minutes before 12:15 P.M.

Here are a couple of mats and a glossy.

If you will call up the Abbey Hotel on 51st Street and ask them to hold me a single room I will be grateful. Ask them to hold it for late because I will take an evening flight to New York and probably shan't get to the Hotel until 10:00 or 11:00 at night. I pick that hotel because the training school at the ILG will use me from 9:00 until 11:00 April 9 to teach their trainees. And they will pay me fifty dollars or so. So between the New York Chapter's kindness in covering the expenses and ILGWU - I am in the black.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls. (3)

MEMO

March 16, 1956

TO: STAFF

FROM: GSM

John Hope called. It appears that it will be many weeks before meetings for training can be held in North Carolina, Florida and Tennessee. Would it be well to invite the staffs from those States, plus the usual Chairmen and State Representatives, from those States, to the Hard Core meeting?

GSM said invite NC; and not the others. Cheaper to train Tennessee's consultants in Tennessee than here. Florida seems to me not yet Hard Core.

John Hope says he half forgot and half misunderstood my ruling that for getting to the Hard Core meeting, State staff people would have to have half their expenses borne be the State organisations. Whereupon, good old uncle, SRC, agrees to foot the bill for all their travel (which comes, John Hope hopes) to just about the thousand extra that SRC made available).

Asked John Hope to develop a conscience as prickly as mine about using SRC money.

Upshot: NC will be here. Others (except old-designated Hard Core ones, won't).

John Hope says now he is not going to pull in North Carolina on Hard Core.

March 19, 1956

Mr. John G. Feild, Executive Director
Michigan Fair Employment Practices Commission
904 Cadillac Square Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear John:

Appreciate postcard about Commission and mailing list.

The Southern Regional Council has not got a mailing list but it would like to send New South to your Commission. Sample herewith and subscription blank on back.

Warmest regards,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 19, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
2 Carey Avenue
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

Delighted you are up yonder.

All here have noted your home address and your telephone number. Let us know when you get an office and its telephone number.

We will want you here as soon as will be suitable with you. Work with Fred Routh of this office on setting the time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 19, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Here is Rabbi Bergman's letter to us.

Evidently Rabbi Bergman doesn't quite understand the arrangement. I don't see how he could; it's so complicated.

All I have for making the situation smooth is our honest purpose to do what is right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Copy: Milton C. Vigo

March 19, 1956

Rabbi Leo Bergman
Turuo Synagogue
St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Bergman:

The last thing I want to do is deprive the Louisiana Council and the New Orleans Chapter of monies properly due to it. At the same time I have to be protective of the interests of the Southern Regional Council. And it's true that for a great many years Mr. Stern has each year given us about three hundred dollars. As an earnest of our good purpose I reverse the figure and send you the three hundred and hold as hostage merely the one hundred!

I will be in New Orleans pretty soon as I wrote you and I will hope to find Mr. Kabacoff and see in what manner the fate of SRC's hoped-for three hundred dollars is involved.

There is the dual problem of supporting SRC over the South the while the State and local organizations solicit support too. We have tried to safeguard this as well as might be by asking each State organization to name as a member of SRC's Finance Committee someone whom they can trust. And we further agreed that of the sums raised by such State-selected SRC Finance Committeemen in a State, one-half should be for that State's own organization. Here is a procedural memorandum on the point.

I think Rabbi Leipziger will find us here anxious to be helpful and not hurtful.

Meanwhile ~~here is~~ I send now the three hundred dollar check back safe and sound. We lay no absolute claim even to the one hundred dollars, but only propose what agreed to be fair.

[illegible] Vigo [illegible]

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

March 19, 1956

TO: STAFF

FROM: GSM

Woods Beckman called from Knoxville, March 19.

Recognizes Tennessee and particularly east Tennessee is crucial to what happens in the rest of the South. Perceives that Tennessee is either dawdling or leaning toward such lengthy postponement as would be involved in twelve-year plans. Even Knoxville talking about twelve-year plan.

Wants SRC to throw in a team to work each major city in Tennessee and fetch them around to an early action.

GSM said SRC has no such team and no money for it. Also that SRC thinks such things best done from within a State. Also that Tennessee problem is that it is suffering from its failure to organize in the last year and a half. Also the best thing that can be done anyway is to cause indigenous Negro leadership in the several Tennessee cities concertedly to push.

If an SRC team came up, it would arrange such concerted push. Beckman can do it in Tennessee, or rather the Tennessee Council can do it.

Urged that they early fetch together leading people from each major city and agree on a concerted push in Tennessee.

Said we had given them money to move and we would stand behind them. Now up to them. Beckman said Tennessee Council would therefore move.

In subsequent conversation with John Hope, suggested that Hope concentrate a flow of his program at Tennessee. Hope interested. Would need a few hundred dollars and Mitchell would try to help. Mitchell asked Hope to let Beckman know result of Hope's lucubrations.

/bf/

MEMO

March 19, 1956

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

March 16, at GSM's request, Fleming, Constable and Company sent out to each State Director other than Georgia's the M.L. St. John story from the Constitution re attack on Guy Wells and the Constitution and Journal's editorial.

Had you been here I would have asked for wuxtra of your SRC notes.

Copy: Mrs. Lyells

March 20, 1956

Editor,
Prentiss Headlight
Prentiss, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of friends in your State I send you a copy of a publication done in South Africa some years back. A consortia of Protestant Churches arranged for a committee to examine with care the various texts which had been cited one way or the other in matters of race. The South African conclusions are representative and I think good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 20, 1956

Mr. Abner Locklear
Prospect High School
Route # 3
Maxton, ~~S~~outh Carolina

Dear Abner:

Here is some evidence that the ACL is still interested in Pembroke.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 20, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Vigo:

Irene Osborne has asked me to reply to your letter of March 16, regarding her forthcoming visit to Louisiana.

Irene is suggesting that Monday, April 16, be kept free from program workshops in order that the two of you have time for discussion on the whole picture in Louisiana. Otherwise, the schedule is all right.

You will hear from her sometime next week or prior to her visit.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
for
Irene Osborne

rha

March 20, 1956

Rev. Caxton Doggett
376 Northeast 90th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Rev. Doggett:

Your letter to Irene Osborne of March 1, 1956, came while she was away from the office for three weeks. She was in the office for only a couple of hours yesterday and asked that I reply to your letter.

This letter confirms my telephone conversation with the young lady of March 19, stating that Irene accepts your invitation to speak at your annual meeting on Tuesday night, April 10, in the Bayfront Park Auditorium.

Miss Osborne expects to arrive in Miami on the evening of the 9th, and will be in touch with you before that time to let you know the time of her arrival.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
for
Irene Osborne

rha

March 20, 1956

Mr. Nicholas C. Read
Potomac Film Producers, Inc.
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Read:

Your letter to Irene Osborne of March 14, 1956, came while she was away from the office. She was in for only a couple of hours yesterday before taking off for another week and asked that I reply to your letter.

Miss Osborne expects to be in Washington April 5 through 7 and will be in touch with you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
for
Irene Osborne

rha

March 20, 1956

Dr. A. Lee Coleman
Department of Rural Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington 29, Kentucky

Dear Doctor Coleman:

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of Public Education in the South -- Today and Tomorrow as requested by you in your letter dated March 12, 1956.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

March 20, 1956

Mr. S. D. Harvey, Executive Secretary
Winston-Salem Urban League
210 West Fourth Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Harvey:

The Southern Regional Council is presently conducting an inventory of the progress that has been made in desegregation in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 17, 1954. A similar survey is being made for the remainder of the United States by another group, and it is probable that the results of the two surveys will ultimately be incorporated in a single publication for mass distribution.

Our study calls for the recording of all known instances of desegregation since the Supreme Court decision on public education in catalog or directory form: it is scheduled for completion within the next four weeks. We believe that our contemplated reference would provide extensive information on desegregation, resulting in immeasurable encouragement to persons and organizations concerned with intergroup relations. Its value would be even greater if it enabled these persons to cite the precedents which those in a position to initiate inclusive activities so often seem to need. Since there are undoubtedly numerous cases of integration in the South which neither the general public nor human relations groups are aware of, we are requesting that specialists in various areas share their knowledge with us.

I read of your December report to a local group relative to employment of Negroes in Winston-Salem. We would appreciate your informing us of the specific positions in private firms and governmental agencies which have been opened to Negroes since since May 1954 in Winston-Salem (and as much of North Carolina as you are aware of). It would be helpful if we knew the actual date (month and year) that employment became inclusive and if this represented the initial hiring of Negroes or upgrading from other positions.

We know that your position permits you to learn of desegregation in numerous fields. We are enclosing a list of the areas that we are surveying in the hope that you will note for us instances of integration in these areas if you are aware of such.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

CATEGORIES FOR INVENTORY OF DESEGREGATION SINCE MAY 17, 1954

I. ACCOMMODATIONS AND FACILITIES

A. Commercial (Hotels, theaters, etc.)
B. Comsumer Services (Drinking fountains, restrooms, department store dressing rooms, etc.)
C. Public Facilities (Auditoriums, stadiums, restrooms and cafeterias in public buildings, tax and welfare facilities, etc.)

II. EDUCATION

A. Higher Education
B. Private and Parochial Schools
C. Public Schools
D. Teacher Associations

III. EMPLOYMENT (Public and private employment and facilities offered by employer)

IV. ENTERTAINMENT

V. HEALTH AND HOSPITAL (Includes training programs for doctors and nurses, clinical and ambulance services)

VI. HOUSING

VII. JURY SERVICE

VIII. LABOR UNIONS

IX. LIBRARIES

X. MILITARY SERVICES (Include Reserves, National Guards, etc.)

XI. POLITICS AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

XII. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

XIII. RECREATION

XIV. RELIGION

XV. REPRESENTATION ON OFFICIAL BODIES, ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE

XVI. SPORTS

XVII. TRANSPORTATION

XVIII. VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, CIVIC CLUBS

March 20, 1956

Mr. Mayes Behrman
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Behrman:

The Southern Regional Council is presently conducting an inventory of the progress that has been made in desegregation in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 17, 1954. A similar survey is being made for the remainder of the United States by another group, and it is probable that the results of the two surveys will ultimately be incorporated in a single publication for mass distribution.

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We would appreciate your informing us of specific positions, agencies, and firms that have been opened to Negroes as a result of the Merit Employment Program (or as a result of other factors) since May 17, 1954. We desire information on governmental and private employment and on the desegregation of facilities used by employees. It would also be helpful if we knew the actual date (month and year) that employment became inclusive and if this represented the initial hiring of Negroes or upgrading from other positions.

We hope that you will be able to give us the assistance requested. If you have found it expedient to work with some employers without publicity, please indicate if you do not wish to be noted as a source of information in a particular case.

Please give my regards to the AFSC staff.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

March 20, 1956

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Bradley, Director
Community Relations and Publications
Child Study Association of America
132 East 74th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Bradley:

So full and careful an answer deserves John Hope's thinking and shall have it.

I am to be in New York April 8, 9 and 10. Will stay at the Abbey Hotel on 51st Street. April 8 in the afternoon or evening will be in the custody of Mr. Walter C. Pinkston, 400 Convent Avenue, #56; April 9, from 9:00 until 11:00 A.M., at the ILGWU Training School, 1710 Broadway, in the custody of Jack Sessions. Mid-day on the 9th, American Jewish [illegible] luncheon, in the custody of Mrs. Eleanor W. Ashman, Secretary of the New York Chapter, 386 Fourth Avenue.

April 10, if you and I haven't coincided, early, I will coincide myself to 132 East 74th Street.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

March 20, 1956

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

The other day you gave me as John Hope's home telephone number CHapel 2-1025. I called that number March 19. Pleasant young lady said it was not Mr. Hope's telephone number. Checked to see if I had the State number and I did so have. Race Relations outfit at Fisk looked up in Nashville telephone book and saw John Hope's home telephone number listed as CHapel 2-1025. Whereupon I expostulated.

First man that gets wind of a correct home phone number for Hohn is asked to please signify.

Subsequently talked this over with John Hope. He says he has a party line. Thay may be it. Will investigate.

cc. W.L. Greene
    Harry Jones

March 20, 1956

Superintendent O.R. Johnson
Duplin County Schools
Kenansville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The other day at a meeting here in Atlanta Mr. W.L. Greene asked me to write you. Mr. Greene doubted that he was a person admired by you; but said he respected you, and knew you to be thoughtful about the difficult problems of the day.

I had been urging that the wise course is for representative white and Negro persons to meet, locality by locality, and after spending some sessions in finding the facts, agree upon a wise and workable plan of action for their own community, having in mind the doctrine of the Supreme Court's decision. My view is that the law is an inflexible instrument, and that we have in each State a broad variety of situations, each needing a tailor-made rate of change. And as there is no one endowed with the wisdom, or the right, to tell others when they should come into enjoyment of personal rights assured by the Constitution and the Courts (other than those persons themselves), it is the part of wisdom to call into man-to-man conferences representatives of the various parties of the question.

In such conferences, honorably conducted, there will emerge the various committments of faith and confidence on which any agreement must be based. Any community having a problem, and having representative citizens accustomed to meeting together to iron out difficulties, is much further along the road to peace, progress and lasting well-being.

My apologies for this instruction, but I undertook to send on my notions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: Fred Routh

March 20, 1956

Mr. Hollis F. Price
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Hollis:

That's all straight. I'll be at Memphis all day May 5, to do anything useful that I can.

I will need to get my expenses covered, but you are used to that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 20,1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Here are some items for Fr. Bernard.

The Winstom-Salem story has some swampy paragraphs in mid-page (middle of item "Sound Leadership"), but they are overtopped by our policy statement of 1951, attached and portions marked.

Any of the items sent Mr. Trapolin would be all right. So I send you herewith a "Trapolin Packet" - identical to what was sent to him, except that "Changing Patterns" is here omitted (only for economy and postage. Suggest you add one).

If Father Bernard will take an interest it would be most helpful. I do hope he can and will extend his plan sufficiently.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: HCF

March 20, 1956

Mr. Melvin L. Bergheim,
Governmental Affairs Institute,
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bergheim:

Re Mr. Frequin's visit to Atlanta, April 10.

Somebody is paying for me to go to New York, April 9, and I would dearly love to stay over in New York to do business April 10.

My only Atlanta engagement is to talk with Mr. Frequin at 9:20 A.M., April 10.

If I can arrange for Mr. Frequin a superior substitute I hope I can be allowed to stay in New York that day. Nominated superior substitute is Harold C. Fleming, Assistant Director of the Southern Regional Council.

I have chatted with Mr. Gordon who is agreeable to steering Mr. Frequin around after Mr. Frequin's bout with SRC.

Ordinarily I try to stick closely to what I have promised but I think this is on balance a proper plan.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 20, 1956

Mr. Alfred McClung Lee
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Brooklyn College
Bedford Avenue & Avenue H
Brooklyn 10, New York

Dear Mr. Lee:

We are satisfied that it was right to send Mr. Whitney Young to the meeting and are grateful for your kindness in singling out the fact that we did help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

M E M O

March 21, 1956

TO: JC

FROM: GSM

I notice in the reading file slewlets of carbons of outgoing letters from Florence Irving to information seekers. Here comes a Quarterly Report for the three months closing March 31. I think I could spice the report with some minor statistics from Irving and Company. About how many of these inquiries per week? What sort of things do they seek, including a couple of queer ones?

Random sample of where the inquiries come from. (GSM supposes mostly Oshkosh and west)

If troublesome, skip, but if doable in an hour or so, worth it.

March 21, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I congratulate you on what you wrote. The hardest thing in the world is contriving such hunch-producing language. Admirably contrived.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:bf

M E M O

March 21, 1956

TO: IO

FROM: GSM

GSM asks you please to answer this man. GSM can not go.

(Letter from
Hollander
dated 3/20)

March 21, 1956

Mr. H.B. Sissel, Associate Secretary
Department of Social Education and Action
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

Only a Higher Power could apportion the blame between us.

Perfectly willing to come back to Charleston, May 9 and/or May 10. Had rather be there one day than two. Take your pick. And if it has to be two I will come for the two.

As to the unsuccessful trip I figure it cost about fifty dollars. If your budget could stand a twenty-five dollar check to SRC for the travel I would think that even-steven and even be tter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

M E M O

March 21, 1956

TO: HCF

FROM: GSM

Add the address of this man who is quite good to your Detroit contacts for Bem Price; and Beulah Whitby and Joe Cole who work in his office.

March 21, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I wrote this lady that so full and careful an answer deserves your thinking in reply, and shall have it!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Copy: Miss Violet K. Richards

March 21, 1956

Business Office
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sirs:

My best arrangement for being present from the morning, Tuesday, March 27 through Thursday afternoon, March 29 at the Principals' Workshop, is to come from Atlanta to New Orleans on an early evening flight, Monday, March 26. I get into the airport at five minutes to seven, Monday night, and could plan to be at the College by 8:00. Is it too much to ask for a bed that Monday night also? You will be most kindly housing me Tuesday night and Wednesday night anyway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 21, 1956

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
934 Lee Street
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Dear Ocie Lee:

I keep pulling blanks on letting you know when I hope to be in your neighborhood but here comes another. Dr. Dent at Dillard annually has a Principals' Workshop. This one is March 27, 28 and 29 at Dillard. Annually he imports wheels to make speeches. This time imported me for a wheel within a wheel. So I will be on the Dillard campus Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. I halfway hoped that maybe you were a principal and would be work-shopping?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 21, 1956

Father Raymond Bernard, S.J.
St. Louis University
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Father Bernard:

Shortly after this booklet was published in South Africa I sent copies of it pretty well around to leading Protestant clergymen in the Southern States. I sent a scattered few copies out to Catholic Bishops whom I thought would take an interest in it.

The topic was not timely then and I daresay most of my precious copies found their way to inactive spots.

I have lately fetched over forty odd more copies and send them out again.

I send you one. I haven't enough to get them out widely to the Bishops. Nor do I suppose that the publication coming as it does from non-Catholic sources is of ready interest. But I do want some Catholic personage to get a copy; and I fasten upon you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Same letter sent to: Paul Christopher
Rufus E. Clement
Albert W. Dent
John A. Griffin
J. M. Dabbs
Harry V. Richardson
Gordon B. Hancock
Rev. M. V. Shean
Carter Wesley
Miss Josephine ~~Wilson~~ Wilkins
Mr. Marion A. Wright
Paul D. Williams

March 21, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on April 20-21, 1956 at Atlanta University.

The first session begins on Friday afternoon (April 20) at 2:00 P.M. There will also be an evening session on Friday which will begin at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will conclude with a session on Saturday morning (April 21) beginning at 9:30 A.M. and ending about 12:30 P.N. All sessions will be held in the conference room in the Atlanta University Administration Building, 223 Chestnut Street, S.W.

We earnestly hope that you will be able to attend this meeting. As usual the Council will assume expenses of members.

Please indicate on the enclosed postal card whether or not you plan to attend this meeting. Also indicate your lodging requirements, if any. We will need to make arrangements with our host as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
Encls.

M E M O

March 21, 1956

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

Mrs. Elizabeth Brantley called March 21. She will report at 9;00 A.X., April 15.

March 21, 1956

Miss Patricia Stodgill
Atlanta AFME Representative
1168 McLynn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 6, Georgia

Dear Miss Stodgill:

Wells alone plus Alice plus George Mitchell will show at thy house this coming Sunday evening, March 25 at 6:30 for supper with the wheel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 21, 1956

Mr. Richard L. Plaut
Executive Vice-chairman
National Scholarship Service
 and Fund for Negro Students
6 East 82nd Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Dick:

I sent each copy of your report to two of my outfits and so will get them around.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

March 21, 1956

TO: HCF

FROM: GSM

Here comes a memo from Frank Loescher saying he needs a progress report on SRC for a meeting of his Board. Needs it by April 16.

Could you therefore try to get me by April 3 some account of:

A. Every day ordinarily what we do. i.e., our usual informing program.

B. The $50,000 program.

WHITE
COPY

MEMO

March 21, 1956

TO: gsa

FROM: gsm

As of March 31 I shall be sending a Quarterly Report to the Fund for the Republic. It would seem to me this one would be a good one into which to stick quickey account of the boost given us all by the office and duties of Executive Assistant. Would you give me a scribble of paper with a list of the kinds of things you have been active at? For instance:

Clearing up and keeping current the record of Board members.

Arrangements and appointments and meetings of the Finance Committee of Board of SRC.

Undsoweiter, undsoweiter.

MEMO

March 21, 1956

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

March 31 I'm going to need two sets of State notes.

Set # 1. Detailed progress in the three months ending March 31, 1956.

Set # 2. Appraisals ab initio ad hodie - hodie being March 31 and thereabouts.

I need Set # 2 because Frank Loescher wants a report for his Board - by April 16.

I need Sets # 1 and 2 by April 3, if possible.

MEMO

March 22, 1956

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

March 31 is the date when a Quarterly Report to the Fund for the Republic is due.

I am reconciled to our ordinary procedure of GSM sending in a GSM report early in the succeeding month and a RHA report late in the succeeding month. Reconciled but still unhappy.

Any suggestion?

I would still like to fetch together copies of the fiscal reports thus made by Stoney, which I wish to bind up with the GSM reports for that period. Surely they must be in existence.

Today I have a note from Frank Loescher saying that he would like to have by April 16 a summary progress report. Needs it for a meeting of his Board.

That means that your report for the period closing March 31 would benefit his lot if it could be completed and available by, say April 11 or 12.

What say?

March 22, 1956

Mrs. R.S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

I like the people who do this Southern Project of the National Scholarship Service Fund for Negro Students. They could only send us six copies of the report. GSM would like each State office to look through. Mhs. Lyells is asked to send the booklet on to Mr. Vigo when she is through with it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

cc: Mr. Vigo

March 22, 1956

Rev. Edward H. Kloppe, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

I like the people who do this Southern Project of the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students. They could only send us six copies of the report. GSM would like each State office to look through. Ed is asked to send the booklet on to Nat Griswold when he is through with it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

Encl.

cc: Nat Griswold

March 22, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

I like the people who do this Southern Project of the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students. They could only send us six copies of the report. GSM would like each State office to look through. Mr. Williams is asked to send the booklet on to Mr. Hughes when he is through with it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

cc: Mr. Hughes

March 22, 1956

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I like the people who do this Southern Project of National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students. They could only send us six copies of the report. GSM would like each State office to look through. Mrs. Spearman is asked to send the booklet on to Mr. Wells when she is through with it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

cc: Mr. Wells

March 22, 1956

Mr. Harry Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I like the people who do this Southern Project of NSSFNNS They could only send us six copies of the report. GSM would like each State office to look through. Harry Jones is asked to send the booklet on to Jack Marion when he is through with it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Copy: Jack Marion

March 22, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Diredtor
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
2 Carey Avenue
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

I like the people who do this Southern Project of the National Scholarship Service Fund for Negro Students. They could only send us six copies of the report. GSM would like each State office to look through. Mr. Martin is asked to send the booklet on to Mr. Woods Beckman when he is through with it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

Encl.

cc: Mr. Woods Beckman

MEMO

March 22, 1956

TO: John Hope

FROM: GSM

The curse of any opportunity to perform is reports.

Not for my sake; but because I have birds ahead of me to whom I must report.

So could you try to get me by, say April 2 or 3 a consecutive and hopelessly compressed account of the train-'em-up program from its dreamy beginnings to its present stage of active crystal-formation?

March 22, 1956

Mrs. G.A.F. Boke
4557 Windsor Lane
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Adele:

I have business need of a workable address for Arthur Raper.

BAE in 1952 transferred him to Mutual Security. There my sleuthing by long distance quits.

I daresay you can touch one button or two and have his address handed to you. Please, ma'am, hand it to me.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

bf/

Signed by Dr. Mitchell's Secretary in his absence.

March 23, 1956

Dr. Broadus Mitchell
49 Barrow Street
New York, New York

Dear Broadus:

For this or that reason of personality I have not thought Southerns for Civil Rights could do much in this situation that would be helpful. So I ask you to be regardful, maximally, of the sort of things one does, inside this, guard against.

Mr. Mogelescu is entitled to all the information, and it is duly going forward.

Your brother,

George S. Mitchell

P.S. Charlotte's duly coming, Sunday a week, and is much excited.

March 23, 1956

Mr. Don McGarey, Workshop Coordinator
Department of Education
College of Education
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McGarey:

I would like to come to your workshop. Take your pick for a date between July 9 and August 8, except that I am otherwise engaged July 19-22. Let me know in the next day or two what you pick, because otherwise I can't hold the works.

I should think the workshop ought to find my (modest) travel expenses and fifty dollars.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 23, 1956

Miss Eleanor G. Coit, Director
American Labor Education Service, Inc.
1776 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Elanor Coit:

We do appreciate your solid ten dollars; just what we need! These are trying times, and it is hard to see to the silver lining of the many clouds. Finest thing is that the Negro people do now stiffen into some sort of resistance. You and I are both trade unionists, and believe that nobody ever gets what is his due in this world until he organizes to get it. Praise Goodness, there are signs that Negroes do now organize — all the way down. Which has never happened before.

Grace went back to her Urban League, leaving us much in her debt for helping us with the planning of more-to-do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 23, 1956

Editor,
Prentiss Headlight
Prentiss, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of friends in your State I send you a copy of a publication done in South Africa some years back. A consortium of Protestant Churches arranged for a committee to examine with care the various texts which had been cited one way or another in matters of race. The South African conclusions are responsible and I think good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Copy: Mrs. R.S. Lyells

March 23, 1956

Mr. Lewis S.C. Smythe
The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Lewis:

You are very kind indeed.

Actually what happens is that persons join the State affiliate of the Southern Regional Council for the State in which they live. In your case that lets you become a member of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations. It has just hired a new Executive Director, whose name is Galen A. Martin, and who lives presently at 2 Carey Avenue, Frankfort. Telephone: 3-0055.

We will send him five dollars of your handsome check. I think you were intending to send five dollars at least as a direct contribution from you to the Southern Regional Council.

I know Mrs. Clyde slightly. I greatly doubt that she would help the Southern Regional Council. I think she likes what is zippier than us. We think we have zip, but we have only just enough.

The way you get things out is with the Church women. We have for thirty-five years kept faith with them and in almost every little town this or that group of them will help us.

You will do a lot of good if you can get with the man, Martin, and move a number of people in your channels of interest to become part of the KCHR. It needs members and friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mitchell

FROM: FBI

RE: Inquiries From Outsiders

1956 inquiries for information have averaged eight to ten per week with a noticeable increase in requests in February and March. Nearly half of the letters come from students and the remainder from teachers, church and human relations groups, and individuals with no labels. More high school students have written from Illinois, New York, and western states than from the South. Most college students are also outside our area, but indicate that they are Southerners. The majority of the other persons writing us are in the South.

Requests range from the very general (see attachments) to inquiries on desegregation in definite areas. Occasionally we see newspaper stories in which people quote from our letters: e.g., a Little Rock minister who'd asked for the location of bi-racial advisory groups quoted this to the Little Rock School Board and appealed for a similar group there.

Five to ten outsiders visit or phone us each week. Most are students or teachers in the local colleges and newspaper reporters. Others are working with churches, Y's, recreation groups.

FBI/ys
3/23/56

March 23, 1956

Mrs. C. A. Bender
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions
The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Margaret Bender:

This letter drifted in. Mrs. Tilly is answering it and will get nice Miss Catherine Ezell straightened out.

I hone to send each one of the people listed in Miss Ezell's letter a free subscription to New South, because I know that the Holston Conference is just the area of Tennessee that can do the most the quickest to get ahead. But if I open up for nice Miss Ezell I have to open up for each Conference's Woman's Society and obviously it would break me.

I understand why it is that the various Conference Woman's Societies, generally speaking, no longer send money contributions to the Southern Regional Council. And we continue abidingly grateful for the help the Woman's Division generally and steadily gives us.

Now I want to see whether the word could reach the Conferences or even the local Woman's Socities from headquarters that they might be well-advised to buy subscriptions to New South for their head people. It only costs two dollars a year. It's about the only thing going of its kind. And the Woman's Division agrees that it is in a proper spirit.

I am not supposing that by asking you to push a single button I can bring showering down New South subscriptions from every Woman's Society whatsoever. But I just thought maybe if I raised the question you people might have some helpful idea.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 23, 1956

Miss Shirley Sanders
Lizella, Georgia

Dear Miss Sanders:

I can send you some things to read and you and others on the panel will have to dig on through. A bundle of printed things is coming to you separately.

My own personal views are not simple and are not put down in a letter less than five days long. But generally I think human equality is right and irresistible and it is the part of wisdom to have responsible whites and Negroes, community by community, confer on the facts and agree to adjustments.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

P.S. Printed things cost some money - not a lot. What we have sent, plus the postage, adds up to 1 35. If the panel can scratch together that much, we would like to receive it, but we don't drain you.

March 23, 1956

Mr. Richard V. Woodruff, Treasurer
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

My friend Mrs. Louis Jaffe in Norfolk, in the course of an account of two, three or four recent sets of visitors, traceable one way or another to me, had some interesting remarks on the nine NATO-men you sent to her.

She described them as "the nine newspaper men and economists from 'NATO' countries who wanted burningly to talk of racial conditions, and had had no opportunity during their month's visit to the U.S., but would perhaps have one hour free in Norfolk."

She said she organised "a 'panel' - Mrs. James Chambers (Negro - lawyer) - Mr. Thomas Young (Journal & Guide) - Mr. Kenneth Harris (artist who spoke well and often against the Gray amendment) and myself. All Southerners. All on the same side of the fence but able to be objective to some extent - or, at least, to speak clearly on the issues involved. This was a fascinating 'evening' (two hours including dinner). The chief questionn~~aire~~er (from the Paris Monde) was of the "no choice between America and Russia" line - very alert, attractive, quick and clever at trying to get the worst picture. Mr. Woodruff warned that we'd have to be on our toes and we soon saw why. He really needled us - tho' with humor and suavity! I think we all did all right and Mr. Young was excellent and Mrs. Chambers superb. It was hard to be honest and yet uphold our country and the 'democracy' that they are brought to America to admire! But Mrs. Chambers was a vivid example of what the Negro can become even now in the south, and she didn't hesitate to do some real flag waving with the bargain. The men were interesting and interested (refused to get up for drinks when invited - wanted to use all the precious time we had) but they left most of the questions to the one Frenchman. All had to be said through an interpreter but he was excellent - I know enough French to be sure of that."

'Twas of interest to me and I felt sure it would be to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 23, 1956

Mrs. Louis I. Jaffe
7440 Pinecroft Lane
Norfolk 5, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Jaffe:

I do thank you so much.

In each instance you did exactly what I hoped you would. I am sure the Governmental Affairs people have the most particular cause to be grateful. They had been rebuffed in trying to get opportunity in Birmingham for the visitors to hear something on our racial problems.

Entirely right that I have steered this one or that to you in your private capacity alone. And I will be respectful of Mrs. Silverman's position as President-elect of the Woman's Council.

We all carry this burden of worry about the anxiety of national news media ~~as~~ for splashy interracial pictures. I know nothing to do except trying one's best to get proportion and good taste into each individual answer and action. And every once in a while we will get photographed hurtfully. But being honest carries that (small) risk.

I am deeply grateful for all you do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 23, 1956

Mr. Walter Pinkston
400 Convent Avenue, #56
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Pinkston:

All straight after your call.

I will show Sunday afternoon, April 8, at 3:30 at the Church of the Master, West 122nd Street and Morningside Avenue.

It was agreed that I would do the map business and fetch it around at the end to modern circumstances. WHICH MEANS THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO SEE TO IT THAT A LARGE AND WELL-LIGHTED BLACKBOARD SITS AT THE FRONT OF THE HALL. I will bring my own chalk.

Here is a glossy which you are, please sir, to send back, and a mat which you can have. And the dope about the man.

I take it the oracles, when consulted, said they could find somewhere toward the fifty dollars.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls. (3)

Copy: Frank Loescher

March 23, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

Fer Guy Wells about whom I sent you earlier clippings a happy issue out of all his afflications.

In a telephone-in radion program about the kefauffle some plain member of JQ phoned in and said: "I tell you what. Let him keep his pension and keep his mouth shut.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls.

March 23, 1956

Miss Margaret Garrity
The President's Committee on Government Contracts
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Maggie:

How very nice to have the reports from you.

I look forward to the good company in Albemarle County in May.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 23, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Error in the outgoing letter of March 20 about Community Leadership Workshop participants to meet at Highlander, March 6 and 7.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 23, 1956

Miss Violet K. Richards
School of Education
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Richards:

Most kind of you to offer March 21 to meet me. I have since written the Business Office that I get into the campus about 8:00 P.M., Monday, March 26. Nobody need bother about meeting me. I know my way in and out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 27, 1956

Mr. Roy Wilkins
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

I will be in New York on Friday, April 6th and feel it rather necessary that I should have a few minutes conference with you.

I will call you early Friday morning and find what time you will have available for me.

With best of wishes to you,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly
In Charge of Women's Work

MET:rh

March 27, 1956

Dr. Channing Tobias
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Doctor Tobias:

I will be in New York on Friday, April 6th and have asked for an appointment with Mr. Roy Wilkins. I am very anxious to see you also.

If you will find out what time Mr. Wilkins will see me, possibly we can meet in the NAACP offices fitting the appointments.

With best of wishes to you,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly
In Charge of Women's Work

MET:rh

SAME LETTER SENT TO: Miss Dorothy McConnell
New York

Miss Margaret Bender
New York

March 27, 1956

Miss Ester Stamats, Director
Christian Social Relations
United Church Women
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

I will be in Philadelphia on April 4th to receive an award from the Fellowship House. Being so near New York I decided I would spend Thursday and Friday in your big city.

I hope you will be in your office and have some time to spend with me. I will call you when I arrive early Thursday morning to find what time you will have available.

With best of wishes to you,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly
In Charge of Women's Work

MET:rh

March 27, 1956

✓ Rev. Henry A. Boyd
523 Second Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Boyd:

This little book is hard to come by but of great value right now.

Some years ago most of the Protestant Churches in South Africa took up studiously the subject of the pamphlet.

Here are the findings.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

Encl.

Same letter sent to:

✓ Rev. John S. Chambers, 152 East High Street, Lexington, Ky
✓ Mrs. Stewart Colley, Grantville, Ga.
✓ Rev. W.J. Cunningham, Tupelo, Mississippi
✓ Bishop B.W. Doyle, 1702 Heiman St., Nashville 8, Tenn.
✓ Mrs. C.F. Goldthwaite, 6101 Louisville St., New Orleans, La.
✓ Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick, First Methodist Church, Athens, Ga.
✓ Dr. Benjamin Mays, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
✓ Dr. Harrison McMaine, 167 Walton St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga.
✓ Dr. James W. Sells, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta 3, Ga.
✓ Mrs. A.H. Sterne, 132 Westminster Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
✓ Rev. Ben F. Wyland, First Federal Building, 4th and Central,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Letter dictated by Dr. Mitchell. Signed by secretary in his absence.

March 26, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Here is correspondence out of Greenville.

Poindexter is obviously proceeding cautiously, so that I would regard his letter as in some sense confidential.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 26, 1956

Rabbi Philip F. Bernstein, Rochester Chairman
National Convention Committee
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

I expect I shall be in Washington, April 11 and 12 and will come up to New York in the forenoon of April 13. Washington address - Cosmos Club. Nobody need bother to meet me; I know my way around that great city and shall turn up at the Biltmore a few minutes before 2:00 P.M.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 26, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

The Mississippi Council on Human Relations says they never got the fat speech from the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice about what the SRS of the DJ can do.

If you are through with yours, would you send or lend it to them? If so, do so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 26, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

Would love to see the Wollheims. I will have a British MP hereabouts some of that time and they may well fit in together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 26, 1956

Mr. James Peck
552 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Peck:

Appreciate kind words, and I hope ypu will continue to like us.

We are a queer old outfit. Perhaps nicest thing is that we really belong. An old gentleman who died last month, Dr. W.W. Alexander, got concerned about these matters during World War I, and after it he was used to settle some of the race riots. He established beginning in 1919 a lot of local interracial committees, and hooked them together into State Interracial Committees, and hooked them together into a Commission on Interracial Cooperation, here in Atlanta. That lasted 'til the middle 'forties. It seldom raised issues of segregation, fought interracial violence of all kinds, headed off a many a lynching, and did a good deal in this locality or that to begin fetching things around toward decency. But it was often inactive, and was accused of failing to keep up with the times. Then the Sociologists wrote big books, that said people ought to be more equal. That seemed good to get around. And with World War I came the general urge toward some show of real democracy.

A large meeting was held in Durham in 1943, I think, of Negro persons. They drafted a statement of what needed to be done soon. Then some white people met and agreed that the statement was reasonable. Then the two met together and said they would have to have a Southern Regional Council to get things done. So that was SRC - February, 1944.

Into the pot they put the surviving interracial groups, the Sociologists, and the civic restlessness. They've all been aboard since. It makes for some lack of clarity in policy, but (mercifully) it makes us fit reality.

In 1951 we got around to a new policy statement, herewith, which said segregation would have to be got rid of. So we are and have been straight on that.

As to money, we begged the Ford people to let us set up twelve State organizations in human relations, and at last, in the months of 1954 that the Court spoke, the Fund for the Republic did generously help us. And we have a going State Council on Human Relations in each of the twelve States. Staffed with good people, quite interracial in staff and in Board and in program. And being honest and helpful. Excellent in some of the States (better than half); limping here and there, but lame only in one.

Problem is that the Fund for the Republic, like all Foundations, understandably requires us to raise astronomical amounts from elsewhere, in order to qualify for each successive installment of help from them. And that worry presses us always. If you will help, please do. We are fully tax exempt.

In the South we are memberless, except for our eight-man board. And the twelve State outfits are affiliated with us. We have associate members north of the M&D line, who are voteless, but who do get our publications, and who send us an annual check - ten dollars or what they will.

We put out a useful magazine, points of which enter pretty widely into Southern controversy. I send you some back issues. And a compendium of the best of the past, called Changing Patterns.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

P.S. Published items coming separately.

Copy: HCF

March 26, 1956

Miss Winifred G. Meskus, Assistant Treasurer
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Meskus:

We are most grateful for the check for two hundred dollars which accompanied your letter of March 21 and was in connection with Mr. Davis McEntire's earlier letter to Mr. Gardner.

The check is in ample time and we are most appreciative to you for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 26, 1956

Mr. Bill Abbott, Assistant Education Director
United Bubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America
United Rubber Workers' Building
High at Mill Street
Akron 8, Ohio

Dear Bill:

I look forward to being in charge of the man, Crouzet, for a couple weeks, beginning Monday, May 7, when he gets here.

I still remember our pleasant time together and wish we could be around on similar jobs some more.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 26, 1956

Mr. McClure P. McCombs, Institute Chairman
Homemaking Institute
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McClure:

Mademoiselle gm must have suffered the misfortune of switching my letter with Mr. Himes'. I would be glad to have mine or a carbon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 26, 1956

Mr. Willis A. Sutton, Jr.
Bureau of Community Service
College of Arts and Sciences
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Willis:

Just two or three days ago I signed up through Ben Segal, invisibly with Jimmy Wolf, to be at the Kentucky Labor School for the week beginning Sunday, June 17. I will be glad to do anything in connection with your seminar in intergroup relations that can be fitted in with anything Jimmy Wolf can write as a schedule. Suggest you get in touch with Jimmy Wolf and agree.

KLS will be paying my travel and will presumably giving me one hundred dollars for SRC. If your seminar could fee SRC via me twenty dollars a crack SRC would be very grateful. That shouldn't break you.

Irene reverts at the end of April to the custody and management of the American Friends Service Committee. I happen to know that her salary with them is covered for several months after May 1; salary but not her travel. Write to Dick Bennett, AFSC, 20 South 12 Street, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania, or call him at RIttenhouse 6-9372, and lock such of her time as you wish.

I think your new man running the Kentucky Council on Human Relations may be useful to you. By name, Galen A. Martin; home address - 2 Carey Avenue, home telephone - 3-0055; office address - 208 West Main Street; both home and office in Frankfort.

Ben Segal, at 1631 "K" Street, Washington 6, D.C., would be a most useful consultant to you. He runs the labor interest of the Fund for the Republic.

Margaret Degan, now in St. Louis, could be helpful to you. Address her at 114 S. Bemiston Street, Clayton, Missouri.

I think most highly of C.H. Parrish. Also I know nobody wiser than your Rabbi there in Lexington. Gal with head on tight is my cousin by marriage, Priscilla Robertson at Anchorage. Cary's wife. Flesh and bone of New England; uncompromisingly for the right.

We will remember the two of you and wish for you both.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 26, 1956

Mr. Harold C. Letts, Secretary for Social Action
The Board of Social Missions
United Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue,
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Letts:

You have got a good man in John Marion for the May 31-June 1 occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 26, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Re New York radio; a little more info and we can advise you more helpfully. Local or network? Ad lib or partly a prepared talk? When?

As to the expense: I have made it an occasionally violated rule not to go a'travelling for speech purposes unless the other end bears the travel expense. And I lightly urge that you show some slight reluctance to bear the expense, in the hope that they will. But you would have our agreement and encouragement in going at SRC expense if it seems a worthy program, and one likely to help things along.

Harold will be glad to write you at some length on shades of emphasis, when as and if the time approaches. Let him know. If you are to be required to ad lib extensively, it seems to me that you might care to distinguish, with a word or two, between SRC's ex-cathedra views and MAW's as an observer of the Southern scene.

Generally we hope that you will plan to go ahead; but give us more facts, and we can be more helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 26, 1956

Mr. William W. Biddle, Director
Community Dynamics
Earlham College
Richmond, Indiana

Dear William Biddle:

Excellent!

Geography-wise you will be heading South through Atlanta toward Columbus. So plan your trip as to arrive in Atlanta Saturday afternoon, March 31, and the two of you spend a night or two at the Mitchell house. Guest room sitting there with no one in it.

I lock on a map of how to get to our house.

I am going to some remote North Georgia point in the forenoon of March 31 but will be around in greasy clothes in the afternoon and around in clean clothes, let us hope, in the evening. And around all day Sunday.

If that should not work I will be around April 2,3,5, 6 and 7 - either at home or at the office. Plenty of room for both of you and the Mitchells would like to get acquainted with the two or more of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 26, 1956

Mr. J. K. Mumford,
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Room 533
805 Peachtree
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mumford:

Here is an additional item of nastiness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls.

March 26, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I hope you will try to get the Rockefeller Brothers letter back to me corrected, at the latest by Thursday afternoon of this week. If Friday morning, then special delivery.

If you aren't ready with congealed budget figures, give them to me jelly-ish and Gabriel Alexander and I will congeal them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 26, 1956

Mr. George K. Hunton
Interracial Review
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

It is a little hard for me to advise you. Generally speaking, I would be in favor of speaking out when anybody's rights are taken away, either by violence or chicanery. But I recognize the extra difficulty in the interest of this or that Diocese to be allowed to make its own protests.

A point to be emphasized is that the present crisis in the South is mainly synthetic. It is an effort to frighten the North into letting the South alone. I hope the North won't scare.

I will be in New York Sunday, April 8, and Monday and Tuesday, April 9 and 10, and back for the mid-part of April 13. April 8, 9 and 10, shall stay at the Abbey Hotel on 51st Street. I will do my best so to plan my chores so as to get me to 20 Vesey Street.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 27, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

In the last month or two there has been occasion for swapping letters back and forth with Mr. Lewis S. C. Smythe at the College of the Bible at Lexington.

In his last letter he sent in ten dollars to put him into SRC.

We wrote him that there isn't any way to get into blessed SRC, but we are assuming he wanted to join the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, which we thought was about five dollars. And we told him we guessed he wanted to give five dollars to SRC.

We also told him he ought to busy himself scaring you up some more members.Many would help you at his College and among his friends. If you will cultivate him or Dr. Montgomery, there you will find a rich vein of friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Copy: Harry S. Jones

March 27 1956

Mr. James E. Poindexter
501 East 8th Street
Greenville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Poindexter:

Nice to have your letter. I have some Raleigh roots and know something of the Greenville area.

Our view is that considering the differences in the economy and tradition in the various parts of each Southern State it may be expected that change will come at a pace differing for this community or that. 'Tis not rightly the business of any self-styled expert to determine the pace for any individual community. The right thing is for courageous, responsible citizens of the leading points of view in the community (some white and some Negro) to meet with regularity. It will take a number of sessions to agree on facts and some more to decide on a workable course of action. Our experience has been that in such matters both sides have shown responsibility, wisdom and restraint to a remarkable degree.

It is generally a responsibility of some of the ministers, aided perhaps by leading lay persons (many of them Church women) to take the first steps. Be sure that the people are representative.

I myself believe that those communities in the South which first proceed in this spirit will find themselves well ahead in the contest for peace and progress. It is a complicated matter to argue and I don't here take the time. But I am satisfied also that communities that move in this spirit will be rewarded by remarkable change, particularly in the Negro community, in the direction of responsibility and energetic achievement.

You have a considerable help in the availability in Charlotte of the office of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. Mr. Harry S. Jones is the Executive Director there (121 East Third Street, Room 209). His telephone number is FRanklin 6-6833. His Associate Director is a long-time Negro teacher - Mr. W.C. Chance, from Parmele. Either Jones or Chance, I'm sure, would be glad to help you.

Sincerely,

GSM:mef

George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

Letters were sent to the following:

Mr. Wiley A. Hall, Richmond League
Mr. Arthur D. Allen, Tampa Urban League
Mr. J. Westbrook McPherson, Urban League of Greater Muskegon, New Orleans
Mr. H. Daniel Long, Greater Miami Urban League
Mr. J. A. McDaniel, Memphis Urban League
Mr. Charles T. Steele, Louisville Urban League
Mr. Philip Waring, Jacksonville Urban League
Mr. Perry Taylor, Urban League of Greater Little Rock, Ark.

March 29, 1956

Miss Velma T. McEwen, Executive Director
Fort Worth Urban League
509 Missouri Avenue
Fort Worth 3, Texas

Dear Miss McEwen:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution. We think the report will boost the morale and actions of persons and organizations concerned with intergroup relations. In order that complete information may be obtained we would appreciate your sharing your knowledge of desegregation within your state or area in any of the fields on the enclosed list. We turn especially to you for information on employment, health and housing, voluntary agencies and welfare services.

The Council would like to learn of all instances in which Negroes may use or participate in services, employment, membership, or facilities closed to them before May 1954. If it is known, please give the approximate date and any limitations of the desegregation. We will not specifically identify any case of desegregation which you believe should not be publicized. Please note these cases if there are any.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 18th, and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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CATEGORIES FOR INVENTORY OF DESEGREGATION SINCE MAY 17, 1954

I. ACCOMMODATIONS AND FACILITIES

- A. Commercial (Hotels, theaters, etc.)
- B. Comsumer Services (Drinking fountains, restrooms, department store dressing rooms, etc.)
- C. Public Facilities (Auditoriums, stadiums, restrooms and cafeterias in public buildings, tax and welfare facilities, etc.)

II. EDUCATION

- A. Higher Education
- B. Private and Parochial Schools
- C. Public Schools
- D. Teacher Associations

III. EMPLOYMENT (Public and private employment and facilities offered by employer)

IV. ENTERTAINMENT

V. HEALTH AND HOSPITAL (Includes training programs for doctors and nurses, clinical and ambulance services)

VI. HOUSING

VII. JURY SERVICE

VIII. LABOR UNIONS

IX. LIBRARIES

X. MILITARY SERVICES (Include Reserves, National Guards, etc.)

XI. POLITICS AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

XII. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

XIII. RECREATION

XIV. RELIGION

XV. REPRESENTATION ON OFFICIAL BODIES, ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE

XVI. SPORTS

XVII. TRANSPORTATION

XVIII. VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, CIVIC CLUBS

March 29, 1956

The Reverend Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.
Room 206, Moore Building
217 South Court Street
Montgomery 4, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thanks very much for your comments on the March New South. Do appreciate compliments!

Harold tells me he answered your question concerning Blanktown when he talked to you on the phone yesterday. We had been holding that story for sometime. It is really nice now to have so much copy that you have to worry about space for it rather than worry about copy for space that you have.

Also sorry that I missed you when you were here at the conference. I was running around trying to find out exactly what was happening in the case where the Negro students applied to Georgia State College of Business Administration. It was quite a runaround handed out by the administration, but that was expected, of course.

I had used the names of the White Citizens Councils in the Autherine Lucy story, but Harold and I decided to delete them and used the more indefinite term hate groups, etc. There's no telling what those groups will try. It is gratifying to hear that they are in disagreement.

Come see us in Atlanta again soon.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Managing Editor, New South

March 29, 1956

Mrs. Lillian Spencer
Savannah,
Georgia

Dear Mrs. Spencer:

Thank you so much for your letter. I was more than delighted to meet you. I have known Colonel Spencer a long time and appreciate his support.

I know Miss Smith very, very well and have distributed several hundred of her booklets "Now is the Time". In our South-wide and State meetings, we always go over the questions and answers in the little booklet.

We have lots to do here in the South before our freedoms are safe, but it is a thrilling time in which to be alive and seeing the conscience of men everywhere being stirred and the dawning of a new day is not far away.

With every good wish to you,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
In Charge of Women's Work

MET:rh

March 29, 1956

Mrs. H. M. Nicholson
2940 Greenview Drive
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Nicholson:

My, what an apology I owe you! Your letter was duly received and I was more than interested. Your letter disappeared from my desk and I found it yesterday in my files. I evidently had picked it up with some other letters which I was filing.

Yes, we do have the Fellowship of the Concerned, made up of women like you, who are concerned about the problem ofthe South. We meet when ocassion arises, and there will be a meeting some time this fall of the Southwide group and you may rest assured you will receive a notice. When I am in Jackson, Miss. again, I will notify you, ~~before I come~~ so that we may talk together.

Please keep your "concern" and I am sure you will find many other Mississippi women distressed over the present situation in our South.

Under separate cover, I am sending you some of our materials.

With best of wishes to you,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly
In Charge of Women's Work

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March 29, 1956

Mr. Bruce E. Whitaker
State Secretary
Baptist Student Union
121 W. Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Whitaker:

We are sending you our publications list, America's Tenth Man and What The Supreme Court Said. Please send us twenty cents in coin or stamps for these pamphlets.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

March 30, 1956

Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley
Child Study Association of America
132 East Fourth Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Bradley:

Just as well spend the night of Tuesday, April 10, in New York as in Washington. So if you want me to be on deck at 6:30 on the evening of April 10, I will be happy to be.

Write me when and where.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

March 30, 1956

Department of Sociology
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sociology Department:

George Mitchell will be delighted to come to lunch with the man, Tomney, and with the Department, Saturday, April 7 at 12:30.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 30, 1956

Mr. Harry L. Wright
2171 Madison Avenue, Apt. 5-E
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

Guy named Walter Pinskton, who is something locally in Omega Psi Phi and lives at 400 Convent Avenue, where his telephone number is TOmpkins 2-0110, has me coming up to New York to make a map speech 3:30 P.M. at the Church of the Master, West 122nd Street and Morningside Avenue, Sunday, April 8

Why shouldn't the Wright family show up that Sunday afternoon?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell. Signed by mef in his absence.

March 30, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher,
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

I was to get you Arthur Raper's address.

Twenty-five cents ordinary postage will reach him, care of American Embassy, USOM to Iran, Tehran, Iran.

He is Regional Advisor on Community Development for the Near East and South Asia and Africa.

But for six cents air mail you get to him more quickly and more surely, care of American Embassy, USOM, APO 205, New York, New York.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell. Signed by mef in his absence.

March 30, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Yes, six copies of the film "For Fair Play" we can get to good use.

Would appreciate.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell. Signed by mef in his absence.

March 29, 1956

The Reverend Henry L. Parker
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
186 Watson Street
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Parker:

I am sending you a statement on the Council, our publications list and a recent copy of New South. The director of our affiliate in South Carolina is Mrs. E. H. Spearman and Mr. J. T. McCain, Council on Human Relations, 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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March 29, 1956

Mr. W. L. Greene, Executive Secretary
North Carolina Teachers Association
East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Greene:

You'll probably recall our brief discussion of the Council's inventory of desegregation since May 1954. I've held this reminder until the NCTA Meeting was over in the hope that you now have more time to list the cases of desegregation that you know of in North Carolina.

We want information on any breaks in segregation in any of the areas on the enclosed list. If it is known, please give the approximate date and any limitations of the desegregation. Do you know of any integregation in state Parent-Teacher Associations anywhere in the South?

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 18th, and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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March 29, 1956

Dr. W. Montague Cobb, Chairman
Committee on Medical Education
National Medical Association
Howard University School of Medicine
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Cobb:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is conducting a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution. We think the report will boost the morale and actions of persons and organizations concerned with intergroup relations. Since NMA's Committee on Medical Education has been especially concerned with discrimination in hospitals, schools and medical societies, we would appreciate your informing us of desegregation in these areas.

The Council wishes to learn of all instances in which Negroes may enter schools, join associations, and use hospitals (patients/or staff), ambulances, and clinics closed to them before May 1954. If it is known, please give the approximate date and any limitations of desegregation. We will not specifically identify any case of desegregation which you believe should not be publicized. Please note these cases if there are any.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 18th, and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible. If you think that doctors or NMA members in the various states could give us additional information, please tell us whom to contact.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Encl.

March 29, 1956

Dr. John T. Givens, Executive Secretary
National Medical Association
1108 Church Street
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Dr. Givens:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is conducting a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution. We think the report will boost the morale and actions of persons and organizations concerned with intergroup relations. Has the National Medical Association a record of the schools, hospitals and medical societies dropping discriminatory practices. If so, we would appreciate your sharing this information with us.

The Council wishes to learn of all instances in which Negroes may enter schools, join associations, and use hospitals (patients/or staff), ambulances, and clinics closed to them before May 1954. If it is known, please give the approximate date and any limitations of desegregation. We will not specifically identify any case of desegregation which you believe should not be publicised. Please note these cases if there are any.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 18th, and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible. If you think that doctors or NMA members in the various states could give us additional information, please tell us whom to contact.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Enclosure

March 30, 1956

Mr. Robert Gary, Director
Department of Public Relations
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Gary:

My value to the convention stems from the fact that I will be coming there out of the then current situation in the South. Our situation varies so rapidly that I hesitate greatly to say now what will be right to say April 13.

One thing I suppose I will be saying is that it has been my experience that people don't really get much out of this life until they organize. And that the meaning of the last two or three years and particularly of events at Montgomery and Orangeburg is that the Negro people are now organizing all the way down. Not formally but in an unanimity of resistance. And that therefore those who suppose they can push Negro people back down again are mistaken. Each Southern community will have to realize it is now dealing with a Negro group different in quality with what they were before. It now becomes needful to meet and deal with responsible Negro persons within a framework of equality and human dignity. Those communities which earliest perceive this and move ahead in this spirit will be the more successful Southern towns.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 30, 1956

Mrs. Maisie Arenstein
South Africa Institute of Race Relations
Transvalia Building
21 Stiemens Street
Braamfontein,
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa

Dear Mrs. Arenstein:

How very kind indeed that was of you. I would take that much trouble for your ~~schools~~, also.
Institute

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 30, 1956

Mrs. Maisie Arenstein
South Africa Institute of Race Relations
Transvalia Building
21 Stiemens Street
Braamfontein,
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa

Dear Mrs. Arenstein:

How very kind indeed that was of you. I would take that much trouble for your Institute, also.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 2, 1956

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jos. B. Brunini
P.O. Box 57
Jackson 5, Mississippi

Dear Monsignor Brunini:

The last annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council did themselves the honor of electing you as a member of the Board.

To save typing I send you a copy of such a letter as was sent out a while back to this one and that one then elected.

The Board meets only once a year; we do pay the expenses of the people coming to the meeting; and it is the final governing body of the Council. We have no members except those who are members of the Board.

Here is a current list of the Board's membership.

We all do greatly hope you will accept your election and come on to the Board. We need you and would appreciate your advice and judgment.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls. (2)

April 2, 1956

Mr. P. F. O'Brien
Commercial National Bank Building
P. O. Box 1152
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Your letter of March 27, 1956, inquiring about information concerning the National Association for the Advacement of Colored People has been referred to me.

I am sending you a copy of an article on the NAACP which appeared in the Winston-Salem, North Carolina, *Journal and Sentinel*. On the whole, I think the article well done. Please return this article when it has served your purpose.

Also enclosed is some material from the Mississippi *Delta-Democrat*, which you need not return.

Suggested reading material is Myrdal, Gunnar, *An American Dilemma*, Pages 819 through 836, Chapter 39, Section 5. You may be able to find this in your local library.

Also, you might write directly to Henry Lee Moon, Director of Public Relations, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 20 West 40th Street, New York 15, New York. I think Mr. Moon would be glad to send you information concerning the purpose and procedures of his organization.

If we can be of additional aid, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Managing Editor, *New South*

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April 2, 1956

Mr. Harold Trigg
514 West 122nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Harold:

How very nice to have word of you.

Sunday afternoon, April 8, at 3:30 stroll thyself to the Church of the Master, Morningside Avenue and 122nd Street, and there thy humble servant for Mr. Walter Pinkston, who seems to be a local bigshot in Omega Psi Phi, holds forth.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

M E M O

April 2, 1956

TO: STAFF

FROM: GSM

RE: MRS. JAMES CRATE'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

Mrs. James Crate's telephone number at Houston is now changed from

KEystone 8986

to

~~JAckson 8986~~.

JAckson 3-8986

April 2, 1956

Mr. Guy Wells, Executive Director
Goergia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Guy:

Here is correspondence from Florida mentioning two or three Atlanta people who might possibly be helpful to you. Please return.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mcf

Encl.

April 2, 1956

Mr. Don McGarey, Workshop Coordinator
Department of Education
College of Education
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McGarey:

This confirms my wire of March 30, picking Wednesday, July 11. Let me know what hours you will need me for and I will begin to plot the transportation. I remember from Aaronsburg experiences that it does not pay to rely upon the Rt. Hon. the Allegheny Airlines.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 2, 1956

Mrs. W. F. Boke
4557 Windsor Lane
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Adele:

Many thanks. All buttons pushed and everything popped up as it should.

The Georgia State Teachers Board refused to bother Dr. Wells pension. Minor victory but grateful for all mercies.

I am to be in your city April 11 and 12 and shall hope to see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 2, 1956

Mr. Morton L. Weiss
Lake Apartments, 323 C
Lakemore Drive, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bud:

Nobody could be kinder and we are very grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls. (2)

Copy: Mr. Weiss

April 2, 1956

Mr. Ted V. Fisher
3778 Narmore Drive, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fisher:

How very kind indeed that is of you to help us in this generous way.

We are grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Copy: Mr. Weiss

April 2, 1956

Mr. W.H. Frey
1607 Briardale Lane, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Frey:

I keep in my head a most choice list of people who are good eggs and you are way up on the list.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

April 2, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Your Methodist Bishop in the Central Jurisdiction in New Orleans (which is to say your Methodist Bishop who is a Negro) is Bishop King. I think his initials are W.I. He has long been a member of SRC. Was out in Liberia for years and always at pains to send back his dues. Was translated to New Orleans at about the time SRC translated its membership to LCHR. And his membership got lost in the shuffle. If you will pay him a visit or even write him a letter I think you will find he will send you five or ten dollars and be helpful. A notable and experienced man.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

April 2, 1956

TO: GSA

FROM: GSM

Please fetch together from the files what (little) information we may have as to Joseph Haas, whom I shall be recommending to Executive Committee to serve as our succeeding General Counsel.

COPY: HCF

April 2, 1956

Mrs. Joan Gibbons, Research Assistant
Friends Committee on National Legislation
104 C Street, N.E.
Washington 2, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Gibbons:

I am certain to be in Washington April 11 and am likely to be there April 12.

Your kind letter of March 25 moves me to suggest that if you or Mr. Gibbons and I can get further with matters of mutual interest I would be delighted to try to work it out.

Easy way to get hold of me is to leave a message at the Cosmos Club on or before April 11.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 2, 1956

Mr. Benson Y. Landis
Editor of Research Publications
Bureau of Research and Survey
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Landis:

The best thing that I can do is to send you our magazine for the last year which I do.

I make a Quarterly Report to our Board members but it is mimeographed and too much organizational to be of interest.

Chester taught me long ago to admire you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 2, 1956

Mr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent:

I am very grateful to you and to Dillard and to Mrs. Richards and Mr. Taylor and many more for kindnesses and information and friendship galore. Your check left generous amount to go into the coffers of SRC!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:me

April 2, 1956

Mr. Mitchell Morse
English Department
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania

Dear Mitchell:

For a bird named McGarry who runs some kind of human relations show I am to come at the expense of that show to the neighborhood of the Nittany Lions, Wednesday, July 11.

Forewarning.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 2, 1956

Dr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

Enclosed are a memorandum and a list which Mr. Fleming is sending out. We wonder if you could tell us of desegregation in any of the areas listed and especially of integration of health and hospital services. Is there any organization of hospital administrators on national and local levels?

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Enclosures

April 2, 1956

Dr. A. C. Weatherford
North Carolina State College
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Weaterford:

The Southern Regional Council is making a survey of desegregation in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 1954. I'm from Raleigh and recall that your work has been in the field of recreation. I wonder if you could give us some information on desegregation in recreation.

We wish to know of all desegregation in any areas of public and private recreation facilities and of cases in which there has been integration of board members and employees. If you know the approximate dates of desegregation and additional sources of information, please tell us of these.

Is there a National Recreation Congress, as well as a National Recreation Association? If so, can you tell me the address of the former?

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 18th and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

April 2, 1956

Mrs. John C. Bradshaw, Jr.
Box 202
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Lynn:

I didn't know whether to address this to the president or the secretary of the League of Women Voters, so I've eliminated all titles. Congratulations on filling either office, and thanks for forwarding my bulletin to me. I'm ashamed that I didn't write until I needed some assistance, so I'm enclosing two items in an effort to make amends: a check for renewal of my membership and the last Seminar letter.

I'd like for you to tell me of the Leagues in North Carolina which are integrated and the dates of integration. The Council is inventorying desegregation in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 1954, and we want to know what's been done in all the areas on the enclosed list. Has anything happened at Guilford College yet? I hope you'll have time to write us by April 18th as that 's our deadline for gathering data.

How are John and the children? Regards to them. Thought your Christmas card idea was clever and interesting.

Sincerely,

Florence B..Irving
Research Assistant

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April 2, 1956

Mr. L. H. Pitts, Executive Secretary
Georgia Teachers and Education Association
201 Ashby Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pitts:

Enclosed is the list that I discussed with you. We'd appreciate any information you could give us.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Enclosure

April 2, 1956

Mr. Charles A. McLean
Field Secretary, NAACP
1605 Hattie Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McLean:

My father, Charles G. Irving of Raleigh, told me that you traveled widely about the state and that you were probably aware of any desegregation that has taken place in North Carolina since May 1954. The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the integration that has occurred in the seventeen Southern and border states and would appreciate any information you could give us on the enclosed categories. We are fairly familiar with the public school situation. I wonder if you've given special attention to jury services, train and bus station waiting rooms, and public accommodations.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 18th and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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April 2, 1956

Race Relations Law Reporter
Vanderbilt University School of Law
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

Please enter a year's subscription to Race Relations Law Reporter effective February 1956.

Enclosed is a check for $2.00.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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April 2, 1956

Miss Barbara Alexander
878 D. Berkley Street
New Milford, New Jersey

Dear Miss Alexander:

We are sorry your letter was delayed in reaching us.

Please refer to the New York Times for the special report on integration, March 13, 1956. An extensive article on Federal Aid to Education appeared in an earlier New York Times, January 13, 1956, page 12.

We are sending you, under separate cover, some other materials.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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April 2, 1956

Mr. John R. Larkins
Consultant on Negro Work
North Carolina State
Board of Charities and Public Welfare
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Larkins:

The Council is making a survey of desegregation in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 1954. Another group is doing a similar study for the remainder of the United States and the two reports may be published jointly for mass distribution.

Please tell us if you know of any instances in which Negroes may use or participate in services, employment, membership or facilities closed to them before May 1954. If it is known, please give the approximate date and any limitations of the desegregation. Mr. Jones and Mr. Chance are supplying us with some information, but I thought you might be especially aware of integration in welfare services and voluntary agencies. We'd appreciate whatever you can tell us about any of the areas on the enclosed list.

We are trying to gather all of our facts by April 18th and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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April 2, 1956

Mr. Maurice B. Fagan
Fellowship Commission Building
260 South 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Maury:

I shall be coming to Philadelphia on Seaboard's train, the Silver Comet, which arrives at the 30th Street Station at 11:27 the morning of April 4. Will repair at once to the Fellowship Commission Building in hopes that your luncheon foreshadowed January 19 materialized.

Otherwise, appreciate the room at the Benjamin Franklin and shall do my napping there. Am due to head back to Atlanta on a 1:15 AX coach flight April 5.

Have received dope re meeting and will attempt to conform.

I wrote Clarence Pickett earlier that I arrive a seul - wifeless.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 2, 1956

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

Due to an oversight on my part, I failed to give your New York expenses to the Secretary-Treasurer. I am very sorry to have caused you this inconvenience.

We are enclosing your check for the expenses in this letter.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/rha
Enclosure (Check $50.96)

April 2, 1956

Mr. Mayes Behrman, Director
Merit Employment Program
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Behrman:

I failed to inform Mrs. Margaret Price that I had requested information from you for our integration survey. We are sorry for the second request and would be glad to have the information which you can supply in accordance with AFSC policy.

Please tell Tartt Bell that we will acknowledge the information in the introductory section on employment rather than after each item.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

MEMO

April 2, 1956

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

Regarding New Orleans Travel

Price of the airplane ticket, Atlanta-New Orleans-Atlanta was $62.92

Additional expenses incurred in course of New Orleans travel (included)in my expense account submitted today) amounted to $4.71.

CR rha

Mr. Dent gave us one hundred dollars as a fee to cover travel, etc.

By my figures the cost of the travel was $67.63. This leaves a balance of $32.37 going to SRC as honoraria.

I see no reason to send a receipt to Dent. On his books the whole thing is travel expenses.

I went to New Orleans on a travel advance of $30.00. I submit herewith expense account totaling (for other than the ticket expenditure) 9.43. This leaves balance due you of 20.57 herewith.

Note: Since there was a discrepancy in figures given above and figures listed on expense sheet, Dr. Mitchell gave with this expense sheet fifty cents in coin to make up the difference.
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April 2, 1956

Miss Barbara C. Russell
19 Wellsmere Road
Roslindale 31, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Russell:

Mr. McGill referred your letter to us.

We are sending you our publications list and a bibliography, "Desegregation in Education." We are also sending, under separate cover, some other pamphlets.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

April 3, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Harold and Fred brought me in your letters about moving the President (of the US) to speak for us. It is a delicate matter, difficult to contrive (if agreed upon as useful). I suggest that it be soundly discussed in the April 20, 21 meeting of the Executive Committee.

On Alistair Cooke Harold will write and try to get him to know about us.

About the Welch program on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights we will try to get hold of at least film no. 3. We realise that Omnibus involves Alistair Cooke, too.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 3, 1956

Mrs. George Wolfe
7901 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park 12, Maryland

Dear Bea Wolfe:

I have got some New York errands April 9, 10 and 13. And I propose to put in the 11th and 12th in Washington.

Will you and George consult as to which or either of those evenings I could get you free for dinner? This time I would expect to remember it!

If the two of you could come downtown we could meet at the Cosmos Club at its present location which I think is 2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. You set the time to suit you: I would suggest 7:00. There is so much to talk about and I don't know anybody I would have more fun with checking up with than you.

Meanwhile we are most grateful for your postcard and for the danglement from it. I am writing to Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Nunnally and sending them each some back issues of New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: Mrs. George Wolfe

April 3, 1956

Mrs. Isabel Nunnally
Riverside Farm
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Nunnally:

Mrs. George Wolfe in Washington has long been a friend to our Council. She wrote us the other day and said she thought you would like to get some copies of our magazine, New South. I send a few and will send it for a while. I make some claim to Albemarle County myself!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

April 3, 1956

Mr. Harry L. Golden, Editor
The Carolina Israelite
P.O. Box 2505
1229 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry Golden:

Many thanks.

Harry Jones tells me that you and he are trying to get people to do what is right -- mainly by visits. And now you have the prospect of the early report from the legislative committee, which complicates.

I praise your letter in the News, March 23. Charlotte is a place that would like to stay ahead, and if the price is courtesy and considerateness I believe Charlotte can muster the price.

You and I will spout together come Friday the 13th. I look forward to some chance to swap notions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 3, 1956

Mr. Yasumasa Tanaka
International House of Japan
2 Toriizaka-Machi,
Azabu, Minato-ku,
Tokyo, JAPAN

Dear Mr. Tanaka:

All of us recall most warmly Mr. Kaji and are grateful to you for sending on at his request the copies of Mr. Hasegawa's article, Japan's Cultural Democracy.

These have come and we will read them with the greatest interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 3, 1956

Mr. Frank Tomney
Atlantan Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Tomney:

Welcome. I am in Philadelphia April 4 and reach Atlanta 6:00 AM, Thursday, April 5. Shall look for you at SRC office 9:15 or thereabouts, April 5. We put you into trade unions Thursday, into agriculture Friday, into race matters Saturday.

Sincerely,

George Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell. Signed by his Secretary in his absence.

April 3, 1956

Mr. Harry Groves
City Councilman
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Groves:

This letter extends belated congratulations on your election and requests information. Is there any possibility that you know the names and locations of some or all of the Negroes who hold offices similar to yours in North Carolina and the other southern states? If so, would you please send me this information.

I've been away from A. and T. since September and now work with the Southern Regional Council. I think you'd be interested in the Council so I'm sending you its statement. We are presently inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 1954. Another group is making a similar study for the remainder of the United States, and the two reports may be published jointly for mass distribution. If you are aware of "firsts" in jury service, politics or any of the other fields we're surveying, I'd also appreciate that information.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Letters were sent to the following State Association Secretaries:

FLORIDA STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION - Gilbert L. Porter
KENTUCKY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION - Mrs. Anita W. Robinson
LOUISIANA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - George Longe
MISSISSIPPI STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION - L. S. Alexander
OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF NEGRO TEACHERS - F. D. Moon
PALMETTO STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION - Walker E. Solomon, Columbia, S. C.
TENNESSEE EDUCATION CONGRESS - G. W. Brooks
TEACHERS STATE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS - Leslie J. White
VIRGINIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION - J. Rupert Picott

April 3, 1956

Mr. J. Garrick Hardy, Executive Secretary
Alabama State Teachers Association
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hardy:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution. We think the report will boost the morale and actions of persons and organizations concerned with intergroup relations. We are fairly familiar with the public school situation, but thought your traveling throughout the state might have acquainted you with desegregation in other fields on the enclosed list.

The Council would appreciate your telling us of any cases you know of in which Negroes may use or participate in services, employment, membership, or facilities closed to them before May 1954. Has there been any integration of the Teachers Associations, the Library Associations, Parent-Teachers Groups or other professional groups? If it is known, please give the approximate date and any limitations of the desegregation. We will not specifically identify any case of desegregation which you believe should not be publicized. Please note these cases if there are any.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 20th, and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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April 3, 1956

Mr. George T. Hedgepeth
Industrial Secretary
Richmond Urban League
900 St. James Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hedgepeth:

We have written Mr. Hall relative to the Southern Regional Council's inventory of desegregation sinc May 1954. We also have your recent report, "The Negro Municipal Worker." Have you a breakdown of this information indicating specific positions and agencies in which Negroes have been initially hired since May 1954? If your data is or can be catalogued in this manner, could it be made available to the Council?

We would greatly appreciate your supplying this information and would give full acknowledgement in publication. However, if there are any cases which you believe should not be publicized please note those.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

April 3, 1956

Mr. Herbert Shellars
P. O. Box 185
Pemberton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Shellars:

We do not have publications referred to, however, we are sending you our publications list and a bibliography, Desegregation in Education.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

April 3, 1956

Miss Amanda Berrien
Veterans Hospital
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Miss Berrien:

I regret to inform you that we do not have the publications requested. I am sending you our publications list from which you may be able to select those pamphlets that will meet your needs.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
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April 4, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hope:

We've sent some assorted materials. I assumed you had the March Annals, the New York Times report, and recent issues of Time and Look. If there's a specific item you want, we'll airmail to you. The next issue of New South contains a great deal on industry's wariness about moving South. If the proofs come back tomorrow, as scheduled, I'll send you a copy.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Copies were sent to the following Executive Secretaries:

Mrs. Cernoria Johnson, Oklahoma City Urban League
Mr. Marion M. Taylor, Tulsa Urban League

April 4, 1956

Mr. Furman L. Templeton, Executive Secretary
Baltimore Urban League
2404 Pennsylvania Avenue
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Mr. Templeton:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution. We think the report will boost the morale and actions of persons and organizations concerned with intergroup relations. In order that complete information may be obtained we would appreciate your sharing your knowledge of desegregation within your state or area in any of the fields on the enclosed list. We turn especially to you for information on employment, health and housing, voluntary agencies and welfare services.

The Council would like to learn of all instances in which Negroes may use or participate in services, employment, membership, or facilities closed to them before May 1954. If it is known, please give the approximate date and any limitations of the desegregation. We will not specifically identify any case of desegregation which you believe should not be publicized. Please note these cases if there are any.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 20th, and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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April 4, 1956

Baltimore Commission on Human Relations
Baltimore, Maryland

Gentlemen:

Please send me a copy of your "Self Survey of Baltimore." Will you also tell me the name of the director and the address of the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

April 4, 1956

Miss Helen E. Wessells, Editor
LIBRARY JOURNAL
62 West 45th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Miss Wessells:

I have noticed some correspondence in our files between you and Miss Anna Holden relative to the pattern of library service in the South. We have not made a study of integration in libraries since Miss Holden's article and have made very few additions to her list. If your study revealed additional communities where the main libraries have been opened to Negroes or where staffs have been integrated, please inform us of those.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Signed by FR in Dr. Mitchell's absence

April 4, 1956

Mr. W. H. Perry, Chairman
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
2320 West Chesnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Perry:

Kentucky Council took on Galen A. Martin and we brought him down yesterday and today. He will be a good man for you.

We suggest on the basis of experience of other States, that the bank account be transferred to Frankfort and that any two of three people listed with the bank be check signers (e.g.) Perry, Atwood, Martin.

We would be willing to drop the previous understandings we have had with the Kentucky Council about our support to it and start pretty much over again, effective April 1 or as soon thereafter as you wish.

We would want you to use this new lease on life to end up eighteen months from now with an organisation likely to continue under its own steam. What we would propose would be a budget as attached. This could be subject to modest revision upward.

Nothing would be locked until we got your own counter-proposal of a budget. And we are not wedded to every minor figure on what we propose to do. Main thing would be to enable the Kentucky Council to get on its feet. And a gallant effort to you all.

We hasten to get this to you ahead of your Board meeting April 14.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence. Sent Airmail.

April 4, 1956

Mr. James P. Peck
552 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Peck:

You help us no end and we are warmly grateful.

Our real view is that whatever happens it comes down at the last to some white and some Negro people coming together around a table. We say start that way instead of finish!

I am to be in New York April 8, 9 and 10, staying at the Abbey Hotel on 51st Street, and padding about seeing people. By the way, I begin on Sunday afternoon, April 8, with a speech quite near to you and perhaps you will come. At the Church of the Master, which is at 122nd Street and Morningside Avenue, I do at 3330 on Sunday, April 8, for a Mr. Walter Pinkston elevated in some fraternity (presumably Negro) sketch in a map of the South and show what this business is all about. You will be most welcome and I do hope that you will come and that would be a chance for us to be acquainted. 'Tis my one and only good speech.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Copy: Mrs. George Wolfe

April 4, 1956

Mrs. Donald Miller
35 South Place
Chappaqua, New York

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Mrs. George Wolfe has long been one of the people that we in the Southern Regional Council try to keep up on things in the South. She wrote us the other day and said she thought you would like to have some copies of our publication, New South. And we will send it to you for a while for you to see whether you like it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 4, 1956

Mr. Arthur Raper
c/o American Embassy
USOM to Iran
APO 205
Teheran, Iran

Dear Arthur:

I had occasion to dig up your address for somebody or other. It set me to thinking about you.

You should be told about recent events re Larry Hughes. You will recall the things he did in Japan for MacArthur. Came back to U.S. and found a job with the Bureau of Reclamation at Denver. The one economist in the office, turning down everybody else's frantically pushed sub-marginal projects. Reclamations attacked his loyalty as a means of opening his poor job to patronage. He hired Charlie Brannon to answer the charges, was never suspended, and was handsomely cleared. Not long after these events Harvard poked him again and said, "Come over here and study. Superfine ag ec and make yourself the U.S. authority on land division." 'Twas a wrench, but Larry did it. He and Patsy live in a garret in Cambridge and nearly freeze in what Patsy calls the "snow blizzers." He is now nearly at the end of his year. Has been offered positions in Siam or other forsakens. But hasn't liked auspices at this time or that and presently contemplates returning to the routines at Denver.

This is wrong.

Larry has the pre-eminent, experienced and trained mind in doing farm land tenure re-organization. He merits some quite large job.

I notify you of these facts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 4, 1956

Mr. Charles C. Beckett
Race Relations Adviser
Public Housing Administration
1224 Irving Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Beckett:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states from May 1954 to the present. Mr. Hubert Jackson suggested that we write you for information on public housing in the District of Columbia and the states in your area.

We wish to learn the communities announcing open occupancy policies since May 1954; communities in which Negroes and whites moved in the same projects after this date; and whether some projects in a community with integrated projects are still segregated. Has there been any integration of employees in either the central office of each community or in individual projects? If it is known, please give the approximate date and any limitations of desegregation.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 20th, and would greatly appreciate any information you could give us by that date.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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April 4, 1956

Mr. Joseph A. Clarke
Staff Assistant to Assistant Postmaster General
Bureau of Post Office Operation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Clarke:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 1954. Another group is conducting a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may be published jointly for mass distribution. Mr. William Fowlkes believes there has been a great deal of progress in this period in the employment of Negroes in the postal service, and he suggested that we write you.

Please tell us of those communities initially hiring Negro postal workers and communities hiring or upgrading Negro workers to positions not held prior to May 1954. Have facilities, previously segregated, been desegregated? If you also have information on integration in other governmental employment or could refer us to a source, we'd appreciate that.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 20th, and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
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April 4, 1956

Mr. Harold A. Odum, Sr.
Race Relations Adviser
Public Housing Administration
911 E. Broadway Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Odum:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states from May 1954 to the present. Mr. Hubert Jackson suggested that we write you for information on public housing in Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

We wish to learn the communities announcing open occupancy policies since May 1954; communities in which Negroes and whites moved in the same projects after this date; and whether some projects in a community with integrated projects are still segregated. Has there been any integration of employees in either the central office of each community or in individual projects? If it is known, please give the approximate date and any limitations of desegregation.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 20th, and would greatly appreciate any information you could give us by that date.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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April 4, 1956

Mr. David Clift, Executive Director
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Clift:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 1954. Another group is making a similar study for the remainder of the United States and the two reports may be published jointly for mass distribution.

Please tell us which Library Associations in the Southern and border states have integrated memberships and the dates of this integration? May an individual who is not a member of a local affiliate of ALA belong to the American Library Association? Do the by-laws of your organization require that your affiliates or state groups admit persons without regard to race?

We also wish to learn which communities in the South permit Negro citizens to use the main public library. A survey which the Council made in 1953 is enclosed. If you or someone in your Public Libraries Division has more current information on library service, please inform us.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

April 4, 1956

Mr. Edward P. Morgan
4461 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Meanwhile I will try my hand at some of your questions.

Should the President say more? Yes, but not a lot more and the thing to say is that while the decision allows time it expects compliance.

Congressional bi-partisan commission? Yes, this would do a lot of good. I myself think that the most good it will do will be to afford means of fetching up into the public view the many somewhat sinister characters who are having a lush time inside the Citizens' Councils. All sorts of queer, crawling things are in there and nobody knows it. Subpoena powers would do the trick. And the country would only hear what is going on to be revolted.

Industrialists conference, etc? It would do a lot of good. If the objecting parts of the South hear that industry wants integration the objectors would begin to get into line.

Is D.J. doing enough? I don't know. What does it do?

What about the silent South? A great many people in the South of old habit simply go along about their business while ranters rant. We have always had these people who speak extremely. They are embarrassing but they are seldom in position to do much more than talk. A great many people are now tending their own knitting and listening to as little such talk as they can.

You have not fallen into the trap so widely set of terming "both extremes: The Citizens' Councils and the NAACP." I regard the Citizens' Councils as extremes, but I don't think the NAACP is. It asks for the enforcement of the Constitution and that is lawful. The other people when they refuse to abide by the decision embark on an unlawful course.

I rather think that a lot of the news about the revolt of the South is synthetic. You remember during the McCarthy business somebody said:"Where there is smoke there is fire." That is true enough but it may be true that there is just a smoke machine. I think a racket is on to frighten the North into supposing the South won't do it and therefore the North had better lay off. It is probably true that in some parts of the South it willprobably be some number of years before desegregation gets very far. But in some other parts of the South it can and should proceed speedily.

Yes, I hear that the Citizens' Councils continue to grow.

In regard to passive resistance in Montgomery, Alabama. I would expect that the spirit of that general idea will not long hence bring about a situation in which it will be found that Negro people can no longer be got to work on the old diet of scorn. Dignity will become the price of performance. And here and there people will be willing to pay the price and in those towns there will be peace and growth. And it won't be so very long before the word will spread that that's what you do.

And not so long after that courtesy will become an old Southern custom.

Much more that we could talk about and I hope we will have a chance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 4, 1956

Mrs. Blake King
c/o Mr. Blake King
School of Engineering
John Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Terry:

It's been ages since I've heard from you and I recall that you very definitely owe me a letter. Things go well with SRC in general. Right now we are doing an inventory on desegregation since May 1954. One of the organizations we've had difficulty in running down is the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations. Do you have an address for them so that we could write for information on their activities? This would be most helpful to us.

I personally want information on what Terry and Blake King are doing since I'm preparing an inventory on Florida expatriates who are old friends of Fred Routh. Best regards to you and Blake.

As ever,

Fred B. Routh

FBR/ys

April 4, 1956

Mr. B. Bernarr Vance, Staff Member
St. Petersburg Junior College
St. Petersburg 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Vance:

~~A~~ The man to be in touch with is Frank Loescher, 414 South 46th Street, Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania. He advises the Fund for the Republic on these matters.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

(Mr. V. had "Immediate, Please" on envelope,
post mark March 27)

M E M O

April 4, 1956

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

On we notified the Fund for the Republic of the list of Board members of SRC's State affiliates.

Subsequently various changes have appeared, including two I note in Texas.

Could you now prepare a list giving changes since that letter and send it to me?

April 4, 1956

Mr. A.C. Miller, Executive Secretary
Christian Life Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
Room 414, 161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

I am slow in answering your kind letter of February 29 only because I took the precaution of getting it sent to the various top people on our staff here, in order that its contents might be duly noted.

I have learned to trust you to do the best than can be done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 4, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

My best advice for the lady would be to get her bank to give a hundred dollar bill and let her cause it to be conveyed along the line to the people at Orangeburg ~~and~~ or elsewhere.

You will have your own problems later on in establishing tax exemption and it would be awkward to have on your books sums that can not be readily accounted for.

I have sent your letter on to Harold Fleming for his information.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 4, 1956

Rabbi Philip Bernstein, Rochester Chairman
National Convention Committee
American Jewish Congress
15 West 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Rabbi Bernstein:

Many thanks for your letter of March 29. I shan't drain you because somebody else is paying for the trip to your part of the world; I will only charge the AJC for a journey from Washington to New York and back.

Many thanks for the program. Harry Golden is my friend and a member of our Board and I look forward to being there with him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 4, 1956

Mr. Fred Fuges, Director
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Fuges:

We sent some notice of your interest to the staff people in charge of our twelve State organizations in human relations.

From Mississippi I have the enclosed letter for your attention.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

April 4, 1956

Mr. George Shepherd
36-40 Bowne Street
Flusing, New York

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

Oscar Lee wrote me that you are interested in doing something in race relations. In my experience the two people who would be most likely to get you fitted in would be either Maurice B. Fagan, 260 South 15th Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania (KIngsley 5-8430) or Frank Loescher, 414 South 46th Street, Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania (SHerwood 7-0277).

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 4, 1956

Rev. Earle McCullough
First Congregational Church
Haworth, New Jersey

Dear Mr. McCullough:

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 4, 1956

Mrs. Belzora S. Ward, Program Chairman
Alabama Association of Women's Clubs
21 North 12th Avenue
Birmingham 4, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Ward:

Honored to be asked to come over to Birmingham, possibly Monday, June 4 to talk to the group.

It would cost you travel expenses and twenty five dollars -- which doesn't go to me but to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 4, 1956

Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick
First Methodist Church
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

The South African pamphlet is for you to keep.

There are various projects afoot toward getting something like it done over here; but all such projects proceed too slowly to suit me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 4, 1956

Mr. Will Maslow, Director
Commission on Law and Social Action
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

Much pleased to be asked to be a professor again and to lecture at the New School.

This far ahead nothing whatever interferes with October 2, 1956; and you can count on me to show. Quite all right for the compensation to be expenses alone.

I privately hope that by October 1956 the situation in the South will not be a crisis. So I would vote for softening that scaring title.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 4, 1956

Miss Johanne Curran, Secretary
Edward P. Morgan, ABC
4461 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington 8, D.C.

Dear Miss Curran:

Mrs. Tilly is in charge of Women's Work for the Southern Regional Council, and may be addressed here.

She lives at 1013 Highland View, N.E., where her telephone number is VErnon 2951. At the office she may be reached at WAlnut 7963 or WAlnut 1821.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 4, 1956

Mr. F. Woods Beckman, Chairman
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Woods Beckman:

Central staff members and I have gone over the Tennessee situation with considerable care; on the basis of recent exchange of correspondence between this office and you we have reached the following conclusions:

1. That the Emergency fund allocated to TCHR should keep the organization alive until new Tennessee Board members are elected and the Board is reorganized on a permanent basis. If not, we will try to help.

2. That we are prepared to stand by our proposals outlined in our letter of March 7th subject to modest revision in your favor.

3. That a final budget for TCHR should be drafted by the organization's Finance Committee or Executive Committee as is done by other States, thus insuring continuity of relationship within the SRC family.

We feel that the situation is so fluid in Tennessee at this point that it would be unwise to finalize financial agreement between SRC and TCHR. As soon as a stable, premanent Board is willing to take responsibility final agreement can be reached. We would recognize such a condition to exist when the four recommendations Fred Routh brought back from the Board members of the TCHR are completed. As reported in his memo of March 5 (of which you were sent a copy) they were:

"1. That the office be moved from Chattanooga to Nashville, and that quarters be found where an integrated staff may work.

2. That an Exective Director should be employed with commensurate salary rather than an Office Manager.

3. That the new proposed members of the Board be elected at this time by mail ballot to other members of the Board.

4. That the Board be reorganised with a permanent slate of officers and committee assignments as soon as new members have been elected."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 4, 1956

Hewes
Mr. Larry ~~Hughes~~
School of Agricultural Economics
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Larry:

I had occasion to hunt up Arthur Raper's address and found him to be Regional Advisor on Community Development for Near East and South Asia and Africa, stationed in Teheran.

I wrote him scraps of thy history and told him the level of job I thought you ought to be doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 5, 1956

Mr. Maurice B. Fagan
Fellowship Commission Building
260 South 15 Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Maury:

That was a grand occasion and we all enjoyed it. I thought Mrs. Tilly was the star of the evening. And by the way, you got much into the two few minutes the chairman gave you.

Here are my expenses:

Pullman and Coach from Atlanta to Philadelphia and night coach flight return Phila. to Atlanta.	$ 71.50
Meals	1.50
Tips	.60
Taxi (airport)	2.35
Airport bus (Atlanta)	.50
Hotel (Philadelphia)	7.20
	83.65

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 6, 1956

Mr. Clement Holland, Director
Curriculum Laboratory
Saint Louis University
15 N. Grand Boulevard
St. Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Mr. Holland:

Thank you for your request of our publications list which is included in this correspondence.

Also enclosed is a copy of the table of contents of our publication, "Changing Patterns in the New South." The Feburary issue of our monthly publication, New South, is included for your perusal.

Under separate cover, I am sending you several copies of publications which may be included in the Curriculum Laboratory deposit.

Again thank you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Information Service

enclosures

April 6, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I was at a meeting of Negro highschool principals from all over the South at Dillard late in March. Here are those who came from your State.

Maybe they are already your members. I daresay if they aren't they would most likely join if you wrote them and asked.

Mr. George C. Bell, Ullman High School, Birmingham
Mr. R.C. Johnson, Parker High School, Birmingham
Mr. C.L. Reeves, Westfield High School, Birmingham
Mr. John T. Smith I, Moton High School, Birmingham

Dr. C.W. Hayes, Director, Negro Schools, Birmingham
Mr. E. Paul Jones, Director, Negro Schools -
Jefferson County Schools, Birmingham

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 6, 1956

Mr. F. Woods Beckman, Chairman
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

I was at a meeting of Negro high school principals from all over the South at Dillard late in March. The only one from your State was Mr. W.J. Davenport, Principal of Howard High School in Chattanooga. Maybe he would join the Tennessee Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 6, 1956

Rev. Edward J. Kloppe, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Kloppe;

I was at a meeting of Negro high school principals from all over the South at Dillard late in March. The only one from your State was Dr. John E. Codwell, Principal of Phillis Wheatley High School, Houston. Maybe he would join the Texas Commission.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 6, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

I was at a meeting of Negro High School Principals from all over the South at Dillard late in March. Here are those who came from your State:

Mr. Charles L. Williams, Principal,
Booker T. Washington High School,
Miami, Florida.

Dr. Gilbert L. Porter, Executive
Secretary, Florida State Teachers
Association, Tallahassee.

Maybe they are already your members. I dare-say if they aren't they would most likely join if you wrote and asked.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 6, 1956

Mr. Guy H. Wells, Executive Director
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Guy:

I was at a meeting of Negro Highschool Principals from all over the South at Dillard University late in March. Here are those who came from Georgia:

Mr. George W. Parker, Principal, Moultrie High School, Moultrie.

Mr. J.S. Wilkerson, Principal, Risley High School, Brunswick.

Maybe they are already your members. I daresay if they aren't they would most likely join if you wrote and asked.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 6, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I was at a meeting of Negro Highschool Principals from all over the South at Dillard late in March. Here are those who came from your State:

Mr. J.H. White, Principal, Eliza Miller High School, West Helena.

Mr. C.T. Cobb, Principal, Lincoln High School, Forrest City.

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Mr. B. G. Williams, State Supervisor of Instruction, Department of Instruction, Little Rock.

Mr. Charles A. Hicks, Supervisor of Instruction, State Department of Education, Little Rock.

Maybe they are already your members. I daresay if they aren't they would most likely joing if you wrote and asked.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 6, 1956

Mr. Andrew K. Bennett
Program Officer
Trade Union Program Division
Office of International Labor Affairs
U.S. Department of Labor
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

All clear that Mr. Crouzet is not coming.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 6, 1956

Mr. James E. Wolfe, Director
Department of Research and Education
Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Jimmy:

I tried to get word to you through Ben Segal that I would be fully available to you for either week. My choice was Sunday, June 17 through 22. But if you wanted me for the next week I don't know why it shouldn't be the last week instead of the first.

I look forward to it a lot.

Mrs. Mitchell has an elderly and ill aunt staying with us and I don't think I could get Mrs. Mitchell away.

I appreciate your kind remarks. I like you guys.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 6, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

You and your wife were as kind as could be to me Wednesday and I am very grateful. And the chicken and biscuits were awful good. And I enjoyed the cousin.

I had some twinges about not going home with you after the meeting. But the planes were late and 'tis a good thing I got that two hours nap.

Hope to see you early next week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 6, 1956

Mr. H.B. Sissel, Associate Secretary
Department of Social Education and Action
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

Many thanks for the check and letter which came in yesterday morning.

I will be at your service May 9 and 10 in Charleston.

Let me know later on what more I should know.

Good to see you and the others Wednesday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 6, 1956

Miss Johanne Curran, Secretary
Edward P. Morgan
4461 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Curran:

Lunch is fine for Wednesday, April 11. I will call some of the various numbers in the earlier forenoon of April 11, and see when and where I should show. Welcomely at the Cosmos Club, but that may mean his coming to where I am; and I gladly go to where he is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 6, 1956

Mr. Charles F. MacLennan, Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
1309 East Broad Street
Columbus 5, Ohio

Dear Mr. MacLennan:

Many thanks for your letter of April 5. You get good people.

I will show when and where you say, be on hand as much of the two days as you wish, and make speeches or arguments when you say.

Unclear as to how much of Friday, June 29 you want me on campus? Pretty much all day, or for evening speech? Either way I am workable on.

History of GSM herewith. Clean out of pictures and clean out of glossies, unless one riding around has come back in, in which case my Secretary will send it on today. Lacking a glossy, she will send a mat. If that won't do, write back in again, and by then she'll have a glossy (nous esperons).

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls (2)

April 7, 1956

Mr. James C. Evans, Civilian Assistant
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

In the last few days we have had occasion to get someone to dig fairly far into the practices in racial segregation in the various Reserve units in this general area. Thus far we are convinced that the Navy is behaving in the Southeast as a whole. And the Marine Corps is behaving in the Southeast as a whole. We run into strong evidence in Georgia that the Army has no integration in Reserve units. The Georgia Military District tells us that until the present crop of draftees begins to come through to them in 1957 they will not have faced the problem of integration or segregation in Reserve Army units. Thus far, say the Georgia Army Reserve people, all Negro persons in Reserve status have chosen to train with Negro units. The Third Army professes to have no racial breakdown statistics. The several Military Districts under the Third Army we suspect do as Georgia does - which is have ~~a~~ Negro and white units of the Georgia District. We suspect, but we don't know.

These matters are of interest to us and I am sure will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 9, 1956

Mr. William G. Shannon, Executive Director
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of April 3 and be assured we will co-operate in every way possible. We will urge local organizations to help raise funds for some of the applicants, perhaps for travel or perhaps to help stretch out the ten scholarships to more persons. We will send a memo out to our State organizations, containing the information about the Encampment and the generous offer of ten full scholarships.

Regarding a press release: it would be agreeable to us for a general press release to be given; we doubt the wisdom of mentioning specific communities of recipients in the South (when we obtain people). I note that you say you will hold any press release until our approval; we would appreciate the privilege of reviewing any release before it is given to the press. We can help with some newspapers in the South with the press releases.

I am most interested in the Bureau of Applied Social Research findings on the effects of Encampment experience on participants.

With best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 9, 1956

Mr. Ross Clinchy, Executive Director
President's Committee on Government Employment Policy
U.S. Civil Service Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Ross Clinchy:

I haven't seen you in a number of years; not since I met you with your father in New York back in the late 'forties or early 'fifties. I am now with the Southern Regional Council as Assistant Director in charge of State Organizations.

We are geeting out an"Inventory of Desegregation" covering the period of May, 1954 to the present. We are interested in what the President's Committee on Government Employment Policy is doing and has done. Could you please send us any reports that you have produced and if there are any specific cases of changed policy in Southern locales, could you please list them for us? We have already obtained comparable information from Charles Livermore over at the Committee on Government Contracts.

Best regards to you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 9, 1956

Mr. Charles Livermore
The President's Committee on Government Contracts
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Charles:

Thanks very much for the speedy cooperation in sending us the series of publications which the President's Committee has published. Would it be possible for you to send us the dates and locations and names of firms which have actually hired Negro people on a non-discriminatory basis since May, 1954, in the South? If you wish we would keep the actual names confidential but we would like a record of them for our files and a tally of them for our publication - Inventory of Desegregation.

Please thank Maggie Garrity for me for her P.S. and the information contained therein.

Best regards. Will see you at the NAIRO Board meeting in Detroit.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 9, 1956

Rev. Edward J. Kloppe, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

We were glad to receive your letter explaining the change in relationship between you and the Texas Commission. We understand that you will give priority to the responsibilities to "Acting Director," but hope that it will be possible for you and Ken Holbert to follow through on the hotel project.

I have talked with Mrs. Alexander, our Secretary-Treasurer, about tax-exemptions and these do refer to you and your Social Security number. It has been a long-standing policy of SRC to pay staff only after we have received their tax-exemption form and Social Security number. We must deduct Withholding Taxes here in the central office. Therefore please hurry your form # W-4 and your Social Security number to our Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth House Alexander.

I sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to see the Texas Commission through this period of transition. Those of us who know you have great confidence in your ability.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:maf

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Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:maf

April 9, 1956

Mr. Arthur D. Caldwell, Chief
Civil Rights Section
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Two of our State organisations have not received from us copies of the University of Pennsylvania speech (Revised October 1955 version) - The Civil Rights Section, Its Functions and Its Statutes.

We would greatly appreciate your sending us two additional copies, if they are still available.

Sincerely,

Beth Friedman
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

bf

April 9, 1956

Mr. J.M. Tydings, Executive Director
The Lincoln Foundation, Inc.
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

My apologies for this belated reply to your letter of March 15th. We have been circulating your poem by hand, and your letter escaped from my desk with it.

The consensus seems to be that New South shouldn't depart from its traditional format of plodding prose. However, we should like to feel that we have your permission to use the poem in mimeographed or other unprinted form for certain meetings and other special purposes. This needn't interfere with its publication elsewhere. It is nicely done and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it to us.

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will assume that our proposed use is agreeable to you.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:o

April 9, 1956

Professor J.B. Shannon
University of Kentucky
Department of Political Science
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Shannon:

You are very kind to offer to try to secure a release from Social Science for a summary of your paper which we might publish. If that is possible, we shall be most grateful both to you and to *Social Science*.

I should think that there needn't be any conflict, since for our purposes your article could be relatively brief and popular in style. Our only concern is to get your very/sound ideas read by as many of the right people as possible.

I shall loook forward hopefully to hearing from you. Meanwhile our thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 9, 1956

AIRMAIL

Mr. Maxwell S. Stewart, Editor
Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Maxwell:

Thanks for your good letter and apologies for my tardiness in writing you. I took this long because I was struggling with a conflict; on the one hand my strong urge to do the pamphlet; on the other hand my doubt about being able to get it finished in a reasonable time.

I have put nothing in writing yet, but have been thinking a good deal about what form the pamphlet should take. If you want me to undertake it on a somewhat fluid deadline (I would shoot for six weeks hence) let me know. If your answer is favorable, I would appreciate your off-the-top ideas on content and organization.

I seem to recall that the optimum length desired in the case of the earlier pamphlet was approximately twenty-five double spaced pages. Is that about right?

We have under way a survey of the amount of desegregation in the seventeen Southern and border States since May '54 decision. The slightly deferred dealine I have suggested would give us a chance to draw on those findings.

Let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:o

M E M O

April 9, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: HCF

SUBJECT: Virginius Dabney's letter

Obviously we will "include him out" of our literature. However, in defense of our good faith, the following points should be noted:

1. The quotation which in fact is carried in our promotion leaflet appeared in Dabney's Saturday Evening Post article of November 8, '52. This was a year after our policy statement on segregation was adopted. (Of course Dabney may not have known about our statement, but there was certainly nothing secretive about it, since it was widely publicized in the press, in New South, and in a special leaflet.)

2. True that Dabney had ceased to be a director of SRC when we adopted the policy. But of interest that he is identified in the note accompanying the Post article as a director. I assume that this unwarranted identification with us came from him; in any case, he did nothing to make us feel that he wanted to be disassociated from SRC's views.

3. You might want to send Dabney some recent public example of SRC's advocacy - perhaps the recent statement in the Christian Science Monitor. It wouldn't hurt him to know what he is repudiating so energetically.

Unfortunately we have on hand about 2,000 of the gray leaflets which carry the offending quotation. Should we scrap and reprint? (If so, I think we better leave Hodding Carter out too, since you never know).

April 9, 1956

Mr. Christopher C. Mercer, Jr.
Associate Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Fred passed on to me your letter requesting more copies of the Baltimore report. I am sorry for the letdown you experienced on the original quantities. Our first estimates were evidently hay-wire.

I have waited this long to write because I was exploring the possibility of getting more copies. Evidently, we are, and as soon as they come in I will send you as many as we can spare. I can't at this moment give you a number, but I think it will be substantial.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:o

April 9, 1956

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Thanks for your good letter between sessions with the tractor. I am enclosing several leaflets describing SRC's general program, for use with your Northern friends. We will also send what we have to Dr. Tilson.

There seems to be no standard packet of materials for prospective contributors. However, I am sending separately a collection of things which you can use as selectively as you wish. More if you need them.

The outcome of your visit to Mr. Wiggins is of great interest. It seems that another derogatory label for our time has been coined: "premature anti-segregationist".

With best regards always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:o
encs.

April 9, 1956

Mr. David Loth
Hudson Terrace
Piermont, New York

Dear Mr. Loth:

Thanks very much for sending us the relevant portions of the NCCJ'S directory. Some of them will be quite useful to us.

I have no outstanding accomplishments to write you about. We have a very able person working with us temporarily upon this project - Mrs. Margaret Price of Washington, D.C., an experienced newspaper person and a good friend. We are turning up some acceptable material though it comes pretty piece-meal, with about ten promising items collapsing for every one that stands investigation.

We are running in to two major problems: 1, Fear that publicizing instances of desegregation will attract the fire of the opposition; 2, unfriendliness on the part of many obvious sources, particularly official ones.

Despite these handicaps, we are gradually getting a fairly complete picture. I only hope your findings aren't so voluminous that a joint publication will only serve to emphasise the slim pickings in Dixie. But these are considerations that we can talk about a little later.

I am looking forward to getting together with you about deadline time and will be writing you further about it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:o

P.S. How goes the Washington, D.C. inquiry? We have made no effort to duplicate your work there, resting on our hopes of a free ride!

Copy: GSA

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 9, 1956

Dr. W.L. Greene
125 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Greene:

Here are Minutes of the March 16 meeting which you so kindly came to.

I have sent on to the absent persons these Minutes and some notice of our hope for activity from them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: GSA

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 9, 1956

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 9, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: GSA

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 9, 1956

Mr. Walter Sharp
Department of Fine Arts
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sharp:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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April 9, 1956

Mrs. Mabel Garrett Wagner, Executive Secretary
Bureau of Urabn Work
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions
The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Wagner:

You wrote to button up the Kansas City business, May 30.

I will fly to St. Louis in the course of May 29th, and take an overnight train from St. Louis to Kansas City, and ride a bus out Independence Avenue to the National College, and show my shining face at the College by 9:30 or 10:00 at the latest.

My one and only direct plane run back leaves at 3 something that afternoon (of the 30th). Always nice to catch it, but not needful.

For a title. What I would be wrestling with would be whether it is right and workable to move ahead just as speedily as people can with getting the schools together, or whether you get almost everybody into decent houses, and healthy, and working well, and somewhat educated, before you shove too fast. That could be:

Do It Now or Go Slow
or
Chunk-biters versus Nibblers
or
Pour on the Law or Fix Up First

Or maybe you can contrive what would say the same thing and would look presentable in the nice printed program. Speech will be much the same, no matter what it gets called!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 9, 1956

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

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At any rate, will you consider what you can do? We will help you in any way we can. Glad to come to a gathering of helpfuls or to cultivate helpfuls or do anything you wish.

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April 9, 1956

Mr. Houston A. Baker
Mammoth Life and Accident Insurance Company
606-608 West Walnut Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

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April 9, 1956

Professor Raymond F. Bellamy
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Bellamy:

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Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

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Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

As Alabama has not yet named a Finance Committee member I treat you as that individual and send you the same letter I sent Finance Committee people at the March 16 meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 10, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hope:

I think I saw a reference in your speech to Baltimore's "Self-Survey." If you have a copy, please let us borrow it for a few days.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

April 10, 1956

Governor J. Caleb Boggs
State Capitol
Dover, Delaware

Dear Governor Boggs:

The Southern Regional Council is surveying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 1954. Please tell us if your office has appointed any Negroes to positions or boards on which they were not represented before May 1954. Who is Chairman of the State's Human Relations Committee and is this committee bi-racial?

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

April 10, 1956

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Governor McKeldin:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954.

Please tell us if your office has appointed Negroes to positions or boards where there had been no Negroes prior to May 1954. Is the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations a state agency whose members were appointed by your office? Are Negroes presently members of Maryland's National Guard or is there a specific date in the future when their service will begin?

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

April 9, 1956

Dr. G. W. Ish
Century Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Ish:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution.

We noted your representation of the Pulaski County Medical Society at the 1955 meeting of the State Society and wonder if you can tell us which local medical associations have Negro members. In which cases were Negro members accepted after May 1954? For what period of time have Negro doctors been able to practice or train at St. Vincent, Baptist, General or other hospitals in Little Rock? Do you know of formerly white hospitals elsewhere in Arkansas which have been opened to Negro patients, and doctors since May 1954? If you know of any limitations of desegregation, please tell us of those.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 20th and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible. If your daughter is presently in Little Rock, please give her my regards. We were both residents of International House in Chicago in 1948, but have lost contact since that time.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

April 9, 1956

Mrs. Grace L. Little
Superintendent of Nurses
Memorial Hospital
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mrs. Little:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Please tell us if Negroes have enrolled in the Nursing Program since that time. We would also appreciate it if you could tell us if Negro doctors, interns, nurses or technicians are on the staff of Memorial Hospital.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 20th, and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Enclosure

April 9, 1956

Mr. Emory O. Jackson
BIRMINGHAM WORLD
P. O. Box 1968
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution. We are enclosing the cases of desegregation in our files for Alabama. Would you please check these and tell us of any other integration you know to have occurred since May 1954. When were Negro police appointed in Mobile and Montgomery?

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 20th, and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible. I have noted that you are to speak to the local NAACP on April 16th. If you have little time for writing, will you be in Atlanta early enough on the 16th to stop by the office and talk with us?

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

SAME LETTER SENT TO: Maceo Smith, Dallas, Texas
Reuben A. Clay, Richmond, Virginia
William McKinney, St. Louis, Missouri

April 6, 1956

Mr. William T. Stansberry
Race Relations Advisor
Federal Housing Administration
Robinson Building
15th and Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Stansberry:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states from May 1954 to the present. Mr. A. L. Thompson suggested that we write you for information on FHA insured housing in Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

Please tell us the developments and residential areas in which open occupancy has been initiated since May 1954. In which of these areas have the residents been predominantly of one race? Please indicate if the neighborhood was formerly composed of white residents and if there has been an accelerated movement of these persons from the area. To what extent does FHA encourage developers and financing agencies to establish open occupancy policies? If it is known, please give the approximate date each area became open to Negro residents.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 20th, and would greatly appreciate any information you could give us by that date.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

Same to: Clarence A. Laws, Field Secretary, NAACP
1821 Orleans Avenue, New Orleans, La.

~~Charles A. McLean, Field Secretary~~

Robert W. Saunders, Field Secretary
1404½ Central Avenue
Tampa, Florida

E. C. Washington, Jr., Field Secretary
1718 Jackson Street, Dallas, Texas

April 6, 1956

Frank Smith, Field Secretary
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Southeastern Regional Secretary, NAACP
1630 Fourth Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution. In order that complete information may be obtained, we would appreciate your telling us of any desegregation that you know of within your area. We are fairly familiar with public school situation, but would welcome information on any of the other fields on the enclosed list.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 20th, and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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April 6, 1956

Director, Human Relations Institute
University of Delaware
Newark, Delaware

Dear Sir:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution.

The Council would like to learn of all instances in which Negroes in Delaware may use or participate in services, employment, membership, or facilities closed to them before May 1954. We are fairly familiar with the situation in education. If the Institute has information on desegregation in the other fields on the enclosed list, we would appreciate your telling us of these cases. If it is known, please give the approximate date and any limitations of desegregation. Could you refer us to other human relations groups or persons who could also inform us of integration in Delaware.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 20th, and hope that we may hear from you by that date.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Enclosure

April 6, 1956

Mr. Thomas Colgan
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Colgan:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may evenutally be published jointly for mass distribution.

We've had difficulty finding a good source of information for Delaware in areas other than public education. Irene Osborne suggested that we ask you the names of persons or organizations who might tell us of desegregation in any of the fields on the enclosed list. We'd appreciate any help you can give us.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 10, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

The February 1 Newsletter spoke of Arna Bontemps book. I send you ours for your quickest reading. Get it back and we will send it to the Georgia Committee and on down the line. Extraordinary commendation will be meted out to that State office that reads the book the fastest and mails it back the quickest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 10, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Here are various items which have accumulated in the last few weeks. Some of them are of only slight interest, but I thought it well to send them along as indicative of our recent appearances in the press.

Note that the story on our statement to Chambers of Commerce is an Associated Press article which was run fairly widely in Southern papers. Other items of particular interest are two communications from The Fund For The Republic, one praising Bob Hughes' assistance to the press in Alabama and a memorandum summarizing mention of the Council and its affiliates in the New York Times supplement. The latter memorandum was circulated to the Fund's own Board.

I was glad to get your telephone call a moment ago. I am taking up Tartt Bell's suggestions with the South Carolina people immediately, and I will look forward to hearing further from you about the radio program.

I failed to ask you if you were speaking from your own telephone. I am sure I needn't urge you to let us know as soon as it is installed.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:o
encs.

April 10, 1956

Mr. John Popham
Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear "Pop":

I waited to write you until you would be back from your junket with Kefauver - very well handled, I may say. I am eager to talk with you about Kefauver's pitch in Florida.

Your story on the Grimes article was right on the button. I couldn't agree more that this kind of positive analysis is a major need in the present conflict centered situation. We are going to try to do more of it, and I hope it will offset some of the negative stuff in the press. Meanwhile, we owe you a large vote of thanks for setting the key-note with this article.

I haven't forgotten that I was going to write you about Gladwin Hill's articles in the special supplement. I enclose a special note for that purpose.

I hope we can get together soon for some palaver. Meantime, the best as always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:e
enc.

April 10, 1956

Mr. John Popham
Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear "Pop":

I don't think I have written you to say what a fine job the special supplement on the South was. When the "team" started digging in down here, I must say I had some misgivings about what would result from so many reporters coming in cold to so complex a situation. But the final product was certainly one to be proud of, due in large part, I am sure, to your guidance.

I was particularly impressed by the treatments of Mississippi and Louisiana by Gladwin Hill. The sharp insights in his analyses were worthy of a veteran top flight reporter on these parts. Next to your own article, I thought his were the savviest of the lot. If the Times has occasion to import auxiliary manpower again, I hope Hill will get a further opportunity to write on the South.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:o

April 10, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Two matters of some importance:

1. Fred Routh passed on to me your request concerning Phil Hammer. I talked with Phil yesterday, and he took down all the particulars. He said he would like to take a few days to see what he could work out, after which he would write to you directly. He has quite a complicated schedule, and I doubt if there is more than a 50-50 chance of his coming but you will hear from him.

2. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Tartt Bell to Marion Wright, which Mr. Wright passed on via telephone today. After you and Mr. McCain and perhaps others have consulted about his suggestions, please let me have your conclusions. I have already asked Mr. McCain to call me collect if the Orangeburg situation develops into a major crisis. Otherwise I will hope to hear from you by letter within the next few days.

With appreciation and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:o
enc.

April 10, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street,
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Frank:

Here are copies of miscellaneous items which you might want to incorporate in your files on SRC.

The Guy Wells incident has simmered down, and I think on the whole will be a gain in terms of public understanding of the threat to freedom of speech. If I were the state authorities, I would proceed very cautiously in any further attempts to silence or penalize Dr. Wells.

I am glad that you were able to see Bem Price. He is a good guy and a first rate reporter. I should think the chances of his doing something useful with assistance from the Fund are very good.

I hope I will be seeing you again soon so that we can catch up on recent developments. Meanwhile, if there is anything I need to add to the quarterly report on our information effort, let me know.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:o
encs.

April 10, 1956

Mr. George M. Trautman, President
The National Assn of Professional
Baseball Leagues
720 East Broad Street
Columbus 15, Ohio

Dear Mr. Trautman:

We here at the Council are compiling the facts concerning the progress of integration in seventeen Southern and border states since the May 17, 1954 Supreme Court Decision on school segregation. We would like to include all instances of integration of professional baseball teams in these states since the Court ruling. We would appreciate it if your office would supply us with any instances of such integration in your records.

The states we are interested in are: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia.

Any consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:o

April 10, 1956

Miss Gertrude Noar, Director
Department of Education
Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Gertrude:

Bob Schneiderman of the Atlanta ADL office called me and said he had been at a conference with you and that you requested that George, Irene and I set aside June 15 and 16 for a possible conference at the University of Oklahoma; and that I supply you with a list of top-flight educators in the South.

I have informed George and Irene and taken note myself of the date. George's comment was that we would be glad to attend if you all could pay our way out and back and our other expenses involved.

As to the list of educators: I have thought of ten, all of whom would be extremely well qualified for consultation on the proposed workshop. I realise that you probably won't use ten but thought I would list this many so that you might choose from among them the number you wanted to use. I have listed them alphabetically and will designate their race in case you want a racially-balanced group of advisors.

Dr. A. Lee Coleman, Department of Sociology and Rural Sociology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. (White)

Dr. Nicholas Demerath, Social Science Research Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C. (White)

Mr. John Hope II, Race Relations Department, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee (Negro)

Dr. Lewis M. Killian, Department of Sociology, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida (White)

Dr. Hylan Lewis, Department of Sociology, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia (Negro)

Dr. Herman Long, Race Relations Institute, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee (Negro)

Dr. C. H. Parrish, Department of Sociology, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky (Negro)

Mr. Donald Sprague, Department of Human Relations, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida (White)

Dr. Harry Walker, Department of Sociology, Howard University, Washington, D.C. (Negro)

Mrs. Charles Williams, Booker T. Washington High School, Miami, Florida (Negro)

There are many other top-drawer educators in the South whom we could recommend. If you want a more extensive list, let me know. These are just the first that came to my mind and with whom I am well-acquainted.

I am sorry I did not get to see you when I was briefly in New York but I was there during the Great Blizzard, and was apartment-bound at least part of the time.

Best regards to you and to my other friends there at ADL.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

4/10/56

The attached mimeographed form was sent to each president of the following schools:

Dean E. Felix Kloman
Protestant Epixopal Theological Seminary
Alexandria, Virginia

President David K. Allen
Davis and Elkins College
Elkins, West Virginia

President David L. Stitt
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Austin 5, Texas

President Roy N. Baker
Bethel College
McKenzie, Tennessee

President John L. Yost
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
Columbia, South Carolina

Sister M. Maura, President
Sacred Heart Junior Collage and Academy
Belmont, North Carolina

President John L. Sheridan
Mount St. Mary's College
Emmitsburg, Maryland

Sister Mary Agnes Barry, President
St. Joseph College
Emmittsburg, Maryland

Sister Margaret Mary, President
College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Baltimore 10, Maryland

Mother M. Erskine, President
College of the Sacred Heart
Grand Coteau, Louisiana

President Roland Q. Leavell
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
3939 Gentilly Boulevard
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

President Duke K. McCall
Southern Baptist Theological Sem.
Louisville 6, Kentucky

President A. A. Page
Pikesville Junior College
Pikesville, Kentucky

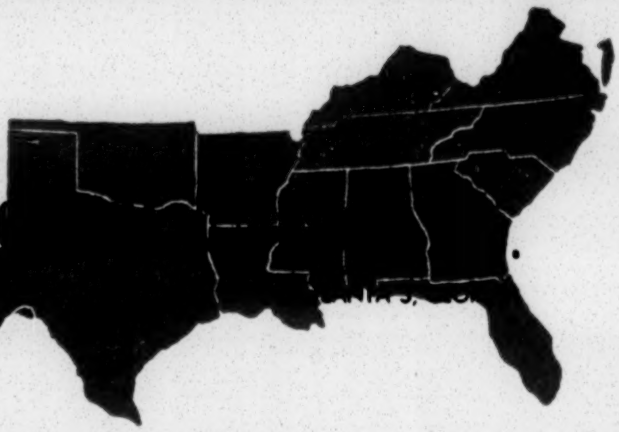
President Frank H. Caldwell
Louisville Presbyterian Theo. Sem.
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Mother Immaculata O'Reilly, President
Brescia College
Owensboro, Kentucky

Southern Re

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

The Southern Regional Council wishes to obtain more complete information on the admission of Negroes to your college. Please complete the attached form and return it to us as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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April __, 1956

TO: Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

In what year were Negro students first admitted to the graduate and/or professional schools? ________.
To the undergraduate college? ________.

Are Negro students enrolled for 1955-56? Yes ☐ No ☐
In the graduate and/or professional schools? Yes ☐ No ☐
In the undergraduate college? Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature ____________________

School ____________________

April 10, 1956

Mr. George McMillan
P. O. Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

Thanks for letting me see your manuscript. I know you have little use for mere words of commendation, but I think the piece is very well written and I can find little to quarrel with in what you have said. Of course, there are matters of emphasis and selection which I would handle differently if I were writing the piece. I'm not and it is probably a good thing. I thought you handled the County Unit System - always a knotty thing to explain - especially well.

The only specific question I would raise has to do with your discussion of the New South. One is a minor point; it is admittedly speculative but I would take strong issue with your Georgia sociologist who rules out the influence of modern trends in Georgia "for a couple of decades at least". I am not predicting any golden age, but I think the status quo in Georgia is going to experience some pretty drastic upsets, for better or worse, in less time than that.

I have a more substantial reservation about the statement of your dissenting economist about the South's industrial development increasing regional self-consciousness. Whether this is true or not - I think it is too questionable to stand as the only evaluation - it is not supported sufficiently by what follows. Certainly the common view is that the South is becoming increasingly integrated into the economic life of the nation, with all that implies. While a contrary view may be valid, the reader has a special right to some pretty convincing reasons why it is. I've heard old Hammer argue on both sides of this question with equal conviction, for example, so I'm inclined to think this is one of those "multi-faceted" situations which the economists like to play cute with. Enough said.

Otherwise, I can't argue with you, though I've tried very hard through two readings. On the Negro vote, you are dead right that nobody knows what it is. The best estimate I know of for Georgia is about 150,000 and for the South about a million and a quarter to a million and a half. You may have estimates that you like better.

Mr. George McMillan April 10, 1956

I am enclosing an item from the Statesman which only goes to show that you can't win no how.

Let us know when the article gets scheduled and come back when you can pay Jane and me a real visit. You can be sure that if we see a chance to get to Aiken we will grab it.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
encs.

April 10, 1956

Mr. John W. Edelman
Washington Representative
Textile Workers Union of America
13th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington 4, D.C.

Dear Mr. Edelman:

I am glad to have your letter of April 3rd requesting that we forward information on the White Citizens Councils to Dr. Barkin.

We try to keep tabs on the WCC through normal channels, but it will be a while before we will have any intelligence that isn't generally known. Our new Fact Finding Program which Ben Segal mentioned to you is barely off the ground and will be mainly concerned initially with collecting information on the status of the Negro vote in the South. However, if meanwhile we turn up information that will be especially useful to TWUA and the AJC, we will be glad to pass it along promptly.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 10, 1956

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Adam:

A brief note to let you know that Keith Kyle duly showed up and we spent some pleasant and profitable time together. I am glad you steered him this way.

Congratulations on your new position with the Fund. I hope this means that we will be working together more as time goes on.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 10, 1956

Dr. Everett Tilson
Vanderbilt School of Religion
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Tilson:

At the request of Howard Kester I am sending you the enclosed copies of pro-segregation writings by Southern Ministers. We have a few other things of this kind in our files that are not susceptible to reproduction.

We are glad to learn that you are undertaking this study and will be glad to assist in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
encs.

April 11, 1956

Mr. R. O. Dowling
Radio Station WOOF
Dothan, Alabama

Dear Mr. Dowling:

I have just discovered that we haven't yet thanked you for sending along the piece of hate literature directed at several national products. Originals of this sort of stuff are very useful to us in documenting the tactics that are being used by extremists who see the South's present troubles as an opportunity to peddle their poisonous views. If you come across further examples, we would appreciate your sending them to us.

Mrs. Tilley sends her regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:o

April 11, 1956

OMNIBUS
CBS Television
485 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Several of our officers and staff members saw your recent series on the Bill of Rights and greatly admired the three programs, particularly the third and last.

I understand that you contemplate making the films of these programs available to interested citizens' groups. Would you be kind enough to advise me of this possibility and the terms on which the films may be secured?

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director.

HCF:o

April 11, 1956

Mr. J. T. McCain
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCain:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of today, enclosed are two copies of the program for "moderates" which I told you about. This was developed in discussions between staff members of SRC and of the Southeastern Office of ADL. As you will see, we had in mind the larger towns and cities and that group of people who consider themselves moderates but are not yet prepared to commit themselves to any positive program of desegregation, however gradual.

Of course, this brief outline was not prepared for wide-spread distribution but as an aid to those few key persons who might be able to interest well meaning groups in some or all of the steps indicated.

I greatly appreciate the information which you and Mrs. Spearman passed on to me today.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
encs.

April 11, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your letter advising me that we will be receiving 300 copies of the March issue of the Annals. These will be very helpful to us and to our affiliated state groups.

With appreciation and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 11, 1956

Mr. A. R. Surits
101 East Main Street
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Mr. Surits:

I don't think I have acknowledged your note and the order for a copy of "Changing Patterns" to be sent to the Editor of the Charlotte News. The booklet was promptly sent, of course, and we appreciate your arranging for Mr. Prince to get it.

Let me add my thanks to those of George Mitchell for the useful clippings you send us from time to time.

All best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:e

MEMORANDUM

April 11, 1956

TO: Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Alabama Council on Human Relations
Montgomery, Alabama

FROM: Harold C. Fleming

Attached is a brief outline of five progressive steps which might be taken by groups of persons who consider themselves "moderates" but are not yet prepared to commit themselves to positive program of desegregation. It resulted from discussions with staff members of ADL's Southeastern Office and is intended as an aid to key people working with such groups rather than as a document for general distribution. It is also applicable mainly to the larger towns and cities.

I pass this outline along to you not as an official program suggestion but as a matter of interest and possible usefulness to you.

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FROM: Harold C. Fleming

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Dr. Albert W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Doctor Dent:

We do hope that you will be able to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee on April 20-21, 1956 at Atlanta University.

As you know the first session will begin at 2:00 P.M. on Friday afternoon (April 20). The first item on the agenda will be a discussion of the post-1957 program of SRC. We are urging that you try to be present for this important discussion.

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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SAME LETTER SENT TO:
Paul Christopher
Rufus E. Clement
J. M. Dabbs
Harry V. Richardson
Gordon B. Hancock
Rev. M.V.Shean
Carter Wesley
Miss Josephine Wilkins

April 12, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

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April 12, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

Thank you for your note, and I think my visit out there was much worthwhile. I trust that with the contacts we made beyond the group that was present more than $415.00 should be coming in.

As to your second paragraph about a division of funds with SRC, I have drawn brackets around that section of the letter and marked it Achtung, GSM, and placed it on his desk for his consideration when he returns the first of the week. I will leave it up to him to decide that issue.

Regards to all.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April112, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Just a note to say that a Mrs. Sparling who is with the YWCA over in your fair city and whom you know fairly well, was by the office yesterday. She was here for a regional meeting of the YWCA staff members. She seems to be a very able person and quite interested in this field of ours. I would suggest to you as I suggested to her that she provide you with a list of the many people she knows across the State of Arkansas.

Best regards to all of you from all of us.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:maf

P.S. George Eagers just called and will stop by the office. He is here for a speaking engagement at Atlanta University.

April 12, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Nat:

George Eagers was by the office this morning and while he and I were talking about Arkansas affairs a bright thought came to me. Would it be possible for the Arkansas Council to work with some of the counties in Northwestern Arkansas where there are either no or very few Negroes to announce that they were complying with the Supreme Court decision and had an open school policy? If several school districts up there, even where there were no Negroes, would so declare themselves, there is the possibility of a snow-balling effect in other sections of the state. George Eagers thought well of this idea.

Eagers also said, and I think you will be interested, that the Arkansas Council, in his estimation, is doing a more effective job in its role than the NAACP in its role. I don't think this is for publication obviously, but I thought it would be of interest to you, and you, Chris and your board deserve high credit.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick Routh
Assistant Director

FR:e

April 12, 1956

Miss Annette Tocci
Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 East 38th Street
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tocci:

Dr. Mitchell has passed on to me your letter forwarding a copy of "Who's on First?" by Jack Mabley. We have read this with great interest and congratulate you for a solid contribution to the public interest in desegregation.

As it happens, we had previously done a treatment of this subject with respect to professional baseball in the South, and that serves our purposes somewhat better than Mr. Mabley's national treatment. However, try us again whenever you have a pamphlet dealing with inter-group relations or integration. We follow with interest the good job you folks do.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 12, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
South Carolina Council on
Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your response to our questionnaire on desegregation since May 17, 1954. We appreciate your prompt cooperation on this project.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 12, 1956

Mr. Christopher C. Mercer, Jr.
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

I don't want to fail to thank you for the very prompt response to our questionnaire on desegregation since May 17, 1954. It is very helpful.

As I promised in the original memorandum, I am not going to ask you to do a special research job on this, but if you come across any further items before May 1st, I will appreciate your sending them on to us.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 12, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your prompt response to our questionnaire on desegregation since May 17, 1954. I understand thoroughly the difficulty in finding uncomplicated examples of progress of this sort. What you have sent us is very helpful.

If you come across further items before May 1st, I will appreciate your passing them on to us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 12, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 W. 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Kloppe:

Thanks very much for your good response to our request for examples of desegregation since May, 1954. We will observe your caution about the listing of Kerrville and we will look forward to a report on progress in AFL-CIO.

The door won't be closed finally on this fact-finding until May 1st, so if you find additional items that should be included, we will appreciate your passing them on to us.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 12, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.
Room 206, Moore Building
217 S. Court Street
Montgomery 4, Ala.

Dear Bob:

Thanks for the additional items for our survey of desegregation.

The announcement of the Mobile Human Relations Commission sounds very hopeful. I am glad that the Alabama Council had a hand in it. As soon as the Commission begins to function and proves worthwhile, we will certainly want a good write-up of it for New South.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 12, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Ruby:

Thanks for your response to our questionnaire on desegregation since May, 1954. Quite a respectable showing for Mississippi!

I understand completely the need for discretion in using this material and will give that full consideration in the final editing of our report.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 12, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Marion:

Thanks for the additional items on desegregation in Virginia. We didn't expect to get a lot, but I think when all the findings for the 17 Southern and border states are pulled together they will show an impressive amount of progress since the Supreme Court's ruling.

We won't be closing the books on this finally until May 1st, so if you come across any further items, we will appreciate your passing them on to us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 12, 1956

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro
City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mayor D'Alesandro:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954.

Please tell us if your office has appointed Negroes to positions or boards where there had been no Negroes prior to May 1954. Is the Baltimore Commission on Human Relations an agency whose members were appointed by your office and is its membership bi-racial?

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

April 12, 1956

Governor Raymond Gary
State Capitol
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Governor Gary:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954.

Please tell us if your office has appointed Negroes to positions or boards where there had been no Negroes prior to May 1954. Are Negroes presently members of Oklahoma's National Guard or is there a specific date in the future when their service will begin?

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Governor William C. Marland
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Governor Marland:

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Please tell us if your office has appointed Negroes to positions or boards where there had been no Negroes prior to May 1954. Are Negroes presently members of West Virginia's National Guard or is there a specific date in the future when their service will begin?

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Governor Phil M. Donnelly
State Capitol
Jefferson City, Missouri

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SAME LETTER SENT TO THE FOLLOWING:

Mr. Walter Geldzahler, Dir.
914 Delaware Avenue
Wilmington, Delaware (1)

Miss Florence Yoder, Pro. Dir.
1322 Mathieson Bldg.
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Mrs. Mattye B. Wilroy, Director, NCCJ
414-15 Commerce, Title Bldg., Memphis 3, Tenn.

Mrs. W. W. Palmer, Sec., NCCJ
4000 Brainerd Rd., Chatt., Tenn.

Mrs. Stanley Levy, Sec., NCCJ
9 Brookview Lane, Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Laura Schnorrenberg, Sec.
184 Lakewood Drive
Asheville, N. C.

April 12, 1956

Mr. Oscar L. Gustafson, Director
National Conference of Christians and Jews
335 Lee Building
1003 Main Street
Kansas City 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954.

Mr. David Loth is directing a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution. Dr. Kenny thought that your office might have information on desegregation in your state for many of the areas on our list. We are fairly familiar with the public school situation. Please tell us all other cases that you know of where Negroes may use or participate in services, employment, membership or facilities closed to them before May 1954. If it is known, please give the approximate date and any limitations of desegregation. We will not specifically identify any case of desegregation which you believe should not be publicized. Please note these cases if there are any.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 25th and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Enclosure

April 13, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Loescher:

Greetings. I will be in Philadelphia about May 1st and hope I will be able to talk with you before your trip out of the country.

Following is my statement of expense for the April 4th meeting of the American Public Relations Association.

Plane Fare, Atlanta to Washington	$78.78
Hotel	12.20
Cab fare	8.40
Meals	8.75
	$108.13

Sincerely yours,

Irene Osborne

IO:o

April 13, 1956

Rev. Carxton Doggett
8755 N. E. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Rev. Doggett:

Greetings to you and the Council. I enjoyed the trip immensely!

Following is a statement of expense:

Plane Fare (Total $54.80. Half to be paid by Dade C.C.)	$27.40
Cab fare	8.10
Meals	5.85
	$41.35

Sincerely yours,

Irene Osborne

IO:e

April 13, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Ruby:

I'll be arriving on Sunday evening, April 22nd at 6:46 P.M. via Delta Flight #498.

If you need to be in touch with me during this next week, I will be in the New Orleans Office.

I'm looking forward to the visit. The plans you have made sound good to me.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO:o

April 13, 1956

Mr. Alec Morrissey
American Friends Service Committee
20 S. 12th Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Alec:

When I sent the manuscript to you, it necessarily was mailed without proofreading, on account of the complications of my travel schedule. Now I find that a number of words are incorrect (slips between the manuscript and the typing). I'm sending here a corrected copy, hoping it is not too late.

Sincerely,

Irene Osborne

IO:o
enc.

April 13, 1956

Mr. Harold Trigg
514 West 122nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Trigg:

Dr. Mitchell has requested that I forward material that we have in the office on the Primus King case. We have no publication that contains an article on the matter, but enclosed you will find copies of newspaper articles we have on file, and information contained in The Negro Handbook, 1946-1947.

Sincerely,

Beth Friedman
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

bf

April 13, 1956

Mr. Joseph P. Lyford
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for sending me the latest Wall Street Journal article and the Sylvia Porter column.

I am glad that you see the economic angle as a major one. We certainly do and want to follow up in every possible way. We are devoting the forthcoming issue of New South to a summary of the various articles that have recently appeared in the press on this subject, as well as some useful statements by Governor Collins of Florida, the Mississippi guy who heads the National Chamber of Commerce, and one or two others. We will follow up our letters to the State Chambers with this. Also, we have alerted our State groups to use this material and this approach to the hilt with the economic leadership of their respective States.

I am enclosing yet another good item - a copy of a speech delivered at the recent meeting of the Southern Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. As you will see, he follows our line beautifully. I am writing Shelton for permission to publish his speech, which he may or may not grant; at any rate we can use it with key people on a "not for publication" basis.

As yet another approach, I am working with Phillip Hammer, an able economic consultant here, to try to develop a quickie report that will show in [illegible] facts and figtres the human relations aspect of Southern industrialization. What we are really trying to do is to spell out the conflict of interest between the modern industrial South and the old exploitive, agrarian South. To help to do this, we need to know what kind of industry is locating where in the region and the size and origin of new capital investment. This kind of thing properly handled should do a lot to stimulate responsible leadership in racial affairs by the business and industrial element.

I was interested in your remark to Frank about the desirability of a study of the effect of race tensions on Southern industrial development. One of the most important angles is one that we can't get at in the South - namely, the attitudes of those business and industrial leaders who will decide on Southern investment and plant location. These people are mostly in the North. I have suggested to Frank that an attitude survey of this kind by some appropriate agency would be an important contribution, since it would go beyond the limited damage already done and point to the much larger potential damage that may occur. I don't know, of course, who would be willing and able to undertake such a survey, but so far I have thought of the National Planning Association, the major financial publications, such opinion research groups as Elmo Roper's. Keep me posted on any ideas that occur to you on this or other program areas. Meanwhile all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
enc.
CC: Mr. Frank S. Loescher w/enc.

April 13, 1956

Mr. Opie L. Shelton, Executive Vice-President
Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Mr. Shelton:

Yesterday I happened to see a copy of the speech which you delivered on March 20th before the Southern Association of Chambers of Commerce Executives in Shreveport. I was greatly impressed with the soundness of what you said and the persuasiveness with which you said it.

Would you be kind enough to advise me whether this address is to be published in any generally available publication. If not, might we have your consent to print it in our monthly publication New South? We will be most grateful for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 16, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Frank Kelly
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Kelly:

In some trepidation I send off the agreed scribble. Use it any way you will.

My real thought is that the Fund for the Republic, and not one of its grantees, should say what the Fund for the Republic wants to say.

Also, though privately, I am a great upholder of the foundation annual report.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Amidst all the excitement about integration and about civil rights, in the last few years, some fundamental changes in America have gone largely unnoticed. And these changes hold promise for better tomorrows.

One blessed thing is that the corn pone curtain has turned to cellophane. From 1876 until 1954 most of the United States knew the South only as a place of moonlight and magnolias, and mammy songs and po' folks. It was a case of convenient forgetting, because in 1876 the rest of the country pulled out, and left the South with a not inconsiderable problem, and only its own devices for doing something about it. Now the United States as a whole worries about hoe things are in the South. That's healthy. I had a lot rather have the rest of the country anxious to learn about geography and tenancy and class distinctions and school budgets in this part of the world than have them tuning up about "Mammy, mammy," and proposing uninformedly to intervene. If the problems and possibilities of the South get understood, the nation and the South will be more honest and better off.

Negro America is growing to full stature. It helps to think of the Negro population as similar to any other of the many waves of immigration which have come to this country. Name off to yourself six or eight of these immigrant groups, that came as poor people with bundles, to find freedom and opportunity in America. They have found it. They've gone suburban, and they own stock, and drive big cars. They count. They are full Americans. And the same thing is happening to the Negro people. They want what everybody else in this country wants: material things, and the respect of their neighbors. And they are getting it. Let any white Southerner past fifty think back to the days when Negro acquaintances would eagerly use any old clothing whatever that he would give them. Not now! Negro breadwinners get good cash money, and buy good clothes and full sacks at the supermarket. With some considerable achievement materially, their people who are further along ask for the normal American privileges. And in this land of freedom, they are bound to get it; or America is not America.

The situation calls for a good big lump of morality and religion. And by anybody's observation, the United States has a fuller development in those directions than at any time in the past. Religion put to work can greatly ease the transition to full American stature for everybody.

As to what to do, one of the first things is to aim our efforts aright. In situations of what is called racial tension, nearly every vague well-wisher says to himself, "My, aren't the white people excited! I had better go and fan them down." Whereas the real excitement is among the Negro people, and the right thing to do is to help local communities answer the needs and hopes of the people climbing up. Where that is done peace returns; where it is refused, excitement grows.

Negroes have had a long, dusty march. And they are still trudging along in the dust. They have heard that the Constitution of the United States promises them "equal protection of the laws," and they would like to get that. They collected a lot of two-dollarses, and paid them in to the NAACP to get some brilliant Negro lawyers to stand up in front of the nine judges of the U. S. Supreme Court and ask for that equal protection of the laws. And the judges said they were entitled to it. Whereupon a great hope spread down the column of dusty marchers. Whereupon some Governors and law officers and politicians mostly in the South said "Shucks. That don't mean a thing. You boys keep on like you were."

The point is that people are not going to keep on like they were. They wish and can pay for standing as regular Americans.

Paradoxically the present situation has a built-in feature of improvement. In the past, the Negro people have not been organized; and when some were offered employment on the old disrespectful terms, enough would take it so that all had to knuckle under. On this go 'round unanimity of purpose reaches a stage quite like organization. The real meaning of the resistance at Montgomery and

and at Orangeburg and in many other places is that there spreads through the Negro community to its most every-day members the purpose to achieve dignity and status. And the more that white persons, organized in citizens councils or not, goad and pick and growl for compliance on the old terms, the stronger the Negro purpose not to give in to those terms.

The thing to do is for white and Negro community leaders, being from each race respected and truly representative people, to sit down together and find the local facts, and agree on a course of action to meet the changes of the times. And wherever that is honorably done the town will be surprised and pleased to find how reasonable, how careful, and how workable will be the proposals that will result. If there is what is called "trouble" it will end with some people around a table. Far better if the people gather around the table before, and do what can be agreed upon.

This method fits the actual situation. Anybody who knows the South knows that within any one state it has three, four, or five typical stages of cultural development, depending on how people make a living, and the degree to which communities are accustomed to grant "liberty and justice for all." Local agreement, reached in dignity and reasonableness, can match the pace of change to local possibilities. And build pride and mutual trust in the doing of it.

The innermost demand of the Negro people is recognition of equal human dignity. Any community which will contrive to recognize that, publicly and privately, will be notably rewarded. The Negroes will put their shoulders to the wheel! Which is a thing that three centuries of slavery and scorn taught them magnificently to avoid! And the towns where the Negro population becomes a participating force will get ahead; in industry, business, and culture. I expect that a few years from now emissaries will come to some of these better towns, from the ones that stuck with southern tradition and will ask "What in the world did you do?" The answer: "We just treated everybody human. And it worked."

The Southern Regional Council, made up of white and Negro people within the South, tries to get these things to come to pass.

April 17, 1956

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Richmond Times-Dispatch
Richmond 11, Virginia

Dear Virginius:

Here is the offending leaflet. We will withdraw it from circulation. I am sympathetic with the problems a man has.

For the record, our policy statement was adopted at the Board and Membership Meetings in November 1951. I don't suppose it got to you, but the project to draft it had been popping around for a year within SRC, and when it came out was published widely in the press, in New South, and in a special leaflet which we did ourselves. And the quotation on the grey leaflet was from your Saturday Evening Post article of November 8, 1952. Post hoc etc. not ergo. And you had been off the Board since January, 1951.

I have not seen "The Virginian", but we all suffer from outlandish accusations.

For a recent statement I cite the enclosed which appeared in the Christian Science Monitor for Sunday, March 10th.

The very next time I can get to Richmond I will come by and hope to find you there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. -

April 17, 1956

Mr. Howard D. Roberts
Associate Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Here is a picture of the letterhead of the National Committee for Rural Schools. I myself think the National Committee for Rural Schools is made up of people who wish to be helpful.

On airports, I have only my own observations. Jacksonville misbehaves dreadfully. So does Atlanta for that matter. The best I have seen anywhere in the Southeast is Charlotte.

A study is proceeding of the current extent of desegregation and if it can yield anything about airports, it will yield it to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: HCF

April 17, 1956

Mrs. Belzora Ward
21 North Twelfth Avenue
Birmingham 4, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Ward:

All straight that I am to be at Gadsden, Alabama, Monday afternoon, June 4th at 2:00 p.m., in shape to make a speech.

I know everything now except where the meeting is to be in Gadsden.

We will send Mrs. Dowdell some items for the Convention Kits.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 17, 1956

Mr. Robert G. Stephens
Director
Workshop in Intergroup Relations
Welborn House
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Stephens:

I should think your best choice would be Galen A. Martin, 208 West Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky. He is the rather recently employed Executive Director of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations. Young fellow, active, competent, informed, thoughtful, on the right side. Close by and wouldn't break you.

You would do well with Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director of SRC. Taught human relations at the University of Miami for some years. Knows the game, and has travelled frantically around the South for the last couple of years setting up and shoring up our Southern Regional Councils on human relations.

Both these guys are liberal white Southerners.

A possibility would be John H. Marion, who is the Executive Director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations, 100 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia.

I could be had, but it would cost you travel expenses and $100 for a couple of evenings.

I could name you other people if you needed them.

You have got a man teaching art who is my friend. Name George. He is a Scotsman.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 17, 1956

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

"Tensions in the South," or "Strain in the South," is all right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 17, 1956

Miss Susan Gower Smith
3437 Dover Road
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Susan Gower Smith:

The nearest I get to you anytime soon is Greensboro, where I have to be at some sort of Institute about home life from the morning of Wednesday, April 25th through most of Saturday, April 28th. I will be staying at Bennett College and being part of discussion groups and speechmaking on each of those days.

If you or anybody with you could come over to Greensboro then, I would be delighted to confer. And I have some ideas on the matter.

I am a feeble Episcopalian. I think Irene Osborne is a Campbellite, but I am not sure. Anyway, Irene worked for the American Friends Service Committee in Washington on putting the schools together. And now she is on loan to us from AFSC and is about at the end of six months of trotting around fiercely and telling reluctant listeners, in this part of the world, how to do the needed job.

I do hope there will be some way for us to be together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 17, 1956

Miss Alice H. Fenimore
Box 343, Route #4
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Fenimore:

Dear my goodness! In so much red tape we all slipped up and here it is April 16th and your term paper was due the 15th!

I am mighty sorry. I send you some back issues of our magazine. I have high school daughters myself, and I know that the night before the paper is due they slap something together and that is it! And furthermore they haven't got time to go and read anything about that matter after the 'bloomin'paper is in. But I send you something to read anyway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
New South, Oct - Dec. '55
Jan - Mar. '56

cc: Mr. Ralph McGill

April 17, 1954

Mr. J. Mitchell Moss
State College
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mitchell:

You are very kind. I don't know when I get there, nor wherever, nor how long I will stay. But you may be very sure that I will be at the Moss' house if the Mosses are there.

I have laid aside items to read, and shall faithfully ~~give it~~ get to them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 17, 1956

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph B. Brunini, V. G.
St. Peter's Catholic Church
123 North West Street
P. O. Box 57
Jackson 5, Mississippi

Dear Monseigneur Brunini:

We are delighted to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

File copy and original incoming to GSA for processing

April 17, 1956

Mr. Robert W. Hudgens
Director
International Development Services
The Americas Building
1270 Avenue of the Americas
New York 20, New York

Dear Pete:

I told you I was going to ask you to join with me in getting George Stoney into the Cosmos Club.

Here is the application. If you will sign it at the very bottom of the back page, we will hope for it to go through.

Stoney told me that the only man he knew well thereabouts was Dr. McLendon (Preston A.) who would have the medical knowledge of what Stoney's films are about. I have written Dr. McLendon and asked him to ply the Admissions Committee with appropriate medical info. Hope he does.

I have few friends in the group who would also know Stoney. If you have one, two, or three whom you might stir up to write to the Chairman of the Admissions Committee (R. C. Gibbs), that would be helpful. I have always been told that indiscriminate generalized support of a man's name hurts and does not help. What they want is evidence that the man has quality in his performance.

The application is hooked to a stamped envelope, addressed to the man Gibbs, and it might leave your hand for Gibbs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Application and enclosures

P. S. Mighty nice lunch, and I am grateful.

April 17, 1956

Dr. Preston A. McLendon
2146 Wyoming Avenue, N. W.
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Dr. McLendon:

R. W. Hudgins and I are proposing, for membership in the Cosmos Club, George Cashel Stoney.

George's talent is in so specialized a field that I would expect the membership committee to feel themselves under some difficulty in deciding upon the quality of George's work. I have thought that latterly his work has been most useful in medical matters. I should think, therefore, that a letter from you to the Chairman of the Admissions Committee, or to any of your friends on the Committee, would cinch the matter.

The application for George Stoney gives a complete list of his productions and essays some hints to the Admissions Committee on appraisal. But I daresay it will take a personal word to convince them of the outstanding quality of George's work.

I, and two or three others who will be seconding the proposal, are unable to add any technical appreciation; I count on you for getting that across.

My claim on you is of the slightest; we are both friends of George Stoney. And I was a sometime associate of your good agricultural brother in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 17, 1956

Mr. Scott Briar
Psychiatric Social Worker
The Menninger Foundation
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Briar:

I have worked out travel for my trip to Topeka.

To be on the safe side, I will fly from Atlanta to St. Louis on the evening of April 22nd, and ride the Wabash and the Union Pacific from St. Louis to Topeka overnight the 22nd, fetching into Topeka at 9:08 a.m., April 23rd.

I will repair to the Jayhawk to catch up on my naps and be fully available for the later afternoon and the evening occasions.

Getting back is a little tough. I can find no normal conveyance from Topeka to Kansas City overnight. I propose to rely on some careening midnight bus. It might get me to Kansas City in time to take TWA's 6:50 a.m., flight out of there for St. Louis and Atlanta.

As I come nearer to the speech I come nearer to its subject, which will be something like "Why Integration is better."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 17, 1956

Miss Elsa Alsberg
Executive Director
Palo Alto Fair Play Council
Room 8, 180 University Avenue
Palo Alto, California

Dear Miss Alsberg:

I go back to the days of Larry and Patricia Hewes in Palo Alto matters. Sometime back, but the ghost of their good wishes should still be around.

I send some leaflets about SRC and the last eight or ten issues of our maggie.

I haven't really got anything in print that tells about us from the beginning of time.

We always need help and we are always friends to Palo Altos.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
15 grey leaflets
New South for last 8 mos. (1 c. each)

April 17, 1956

AIR MAIL

Rabbi Leo Bergman
Touro Synagogue
St. Charles Avenue at General Pershing
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Rabbi Bergman:

I got your letter of April 10th, but I had been out of town and only found it today, April 16th. Meanwhile, my New Orleans run was at the end of March.

The best I can do is undertake to get in touch with you personally next time I am in New Orleans. But I don't know when that will be.

Meanwhile, delighted to talk by phone. Call us collect at Walnut 1821. I am in town all this week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 17, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

The Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice has sent us an additional copy of its publication - The Civil Rights Section, Its Functions and Its Statutes, and we are forwarding it to you.

Sincerely,

Beth Friedman,
Secretary

bf

April 17, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Vigo:

The Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice has sent us an additional copy of its publication - The Civil Rights Section, Its Functions and Its Statutes, and we are forwarding it to you.

Sincerely,

Beth Friedman,
Secretary

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*DAY LETTER

COLLECT COLLECT April 17, 1956

Mr. Ed. Howden
Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco
437 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Fred Routh will come and could be West Coast, wherever, May 20, 21, 22, etc. Set him up S.F. and L.A. as you choose. Television no objection. Will cost you his expenses and you should find us $50.00 honorarium.

George S. Mitchell

GSM/eab
cc: FBR plus income

April 17, 1956

Mr. Howard Kester
The Fellowship of Southern Churchmen
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Dear Buck:

I would be all for fetching together the people who have a conscience.

I do hope you can get it done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 17, 1956

Mr. Norman P. Mason, Commissioner
Federal Housing Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mason:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution.

Please tell us the developments and residential areas in which open occupancy has been initiated since May 1954. In which of these areas have the residents been predominantly of one race? Please indicate if the neighborhood was formerly composed of white residents and if there has been an accelerated movement of these persons from the area. To what extent does FHA encourage developers and financing agencies to establish open occupancy policies? If it is known, please give the approximate date each area became open to Negro residents.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 30th, and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

cc: Dr. George W. Snowden

April 17, 1956

Mr. Louis Lautier
NNPA News Bureau
2007 Fifteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lautier:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution.

Please tell us if there are editors' associations or other groups similar to the National Press Club with which Negroes have affiliated since May 1954. Have any Negroes been admitted to the National Press Club since you became a member? We'd also be grateful for any information you could give us on integration in political organizations and areas in which Negroes are serving in representative capacities. A list of the areas being surveyed is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

April 17, 1956

Mr. F. D. Freeman
Associate Professor of Sociology
San Francisco State College
1600 Holloway Avenue
San Francisco 27, California

Dear Mr. Freeman:

The Citizens' Councils and other pro-segregation groups distribute numerous pamphlets and materials and probably would send some of these directly to you. The names and addresses of the organizations and some of their publications are being sent to you. We have only a single copy of most of these items, but I am sending you copies of the covers of a few.

The March 1956 issue of the Annals contains an article by Mr. Fleming on "Resistance Movements and Racial Desegregation," which you may wish to refer to .

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

April 17, 1956

Mrs. Hilda M. Lea, Assistant
Gift and Exchange Division
Ohio State University
Columbus 10, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Lea:

We have exhausted our pamphlets giving a detailed history of the Southern Regional Council. Excerpts from a paper on the Council, our statement of policy and our publications list are enclosed. Affiliates of the Council are located in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas and Virginia.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

April 19, 1956

Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

My admiration for you continues to grow.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC official Receipt $100

SAME LETTER SENT TO FOLLOWING:

Mr. Gerald T. Kenna, Director, NCCJ, 201 Realty Building, Louisville2, Ky.
Mrs. P. J. White, Secretary, NCCJ, 308 Sklar Building, Shreveport 54, La.
Mr. J. Burr Gibbons, Public Relations, 802 Daniel Bldg., Tulsa 3, Okla.
Mr. T. H. McDowell, Director, 310 Commerce Exchange Building, Okla. City 2, Okla.

April 18, 1956

Mr. T. H. McDowell, Director
National Conference of Christians and Jews
310 Commerce Exchange Building
Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. McDowell:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954.

Mr. David Loth is directing a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution. Dr. Kenny thought that your office might have information on desegregation in your state for many of the areas on our list. We are fairly familiar with the public school situation. Please tell us all other cases that you know of where Negroes may use or participate in services, employment, membership or facilities closed to them before May 1954. If it is known, please give the approximate date and any limitations of desegregation. We will not specifically identify any case of desegregation which you believe should not be publicised. Please note these cases if there are any.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 30th, and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

April 18, 1956

Mr. Alex Rivera
1712 Fayetteville Street
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Rivera:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954.

Mr. Harry Groves of Fayetteville suggested that I write you regarding desegregation in representation, political organizations, and professional associations. Can you tell me the names and locations of Negroes in North Carolina and the South who have been elected or appointed to positions not held by Negroes prior to May 1954? If you are aware of "first" in any of the fields we are surveying, we'd greatly appreciate that information.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

April 18, 1956

Mr. Herbert Hill
Labor Secretary, NAACP
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Hill:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly for mass distribution.

Please tell us the cases that you know of in which Negroes have been initially employed (or upgraded to positions not previously held) since May 1954. Which unions have eliminated discriminatory practices and now have Negro members? If it is known, please give the approximate date and any limitations of desegregation.

We are trying to gather all the facts for our project by April 30th, and hope that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

April 18, 1956
(Dictated April 17)

TO: Guy Wells

FROM: George S. Mitchell

The other day at a reception at Spelman College, Mr. Whitney Young introduced me to a Mr. and Mrs. Acland. Mr. Acland works for the federal government in the Fish and Wildlife Service which, I believe, is in these sad days a part of the Department of the Interior. Both Mr. and Mrs. Acland voiced sentiments sympathetic to programs of this kind, and Mrs. Acland, with a poke at her husband's ribs said, "We ought to join that Southern Regional Council."

I suggest that if you will seek them out they will be good for five or ten dollars to you.

eab/

April 18, 1956

Mr. M. E. Yasser
245 West 29th Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Yasser:

You promised to send me a reprint of Lincoln's second Inaugural Address.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1956

Mr. John S. Dudley
20 Exchange Place
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dudley:

I was in New York a couple of days last week for this meeting or that. Apologies for giving you no notice, and I am sorry I failed to catch you in.

Shall be seeing Marion later this week when our Executive Committee meets.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1956

Mr. George M. Trautman, President
National Association of Professional
Baseball Leagues
720 East Broad Street
Columbus 15, Ohio

Dear Mr. Trautman:

Thank you for your letter of April 12th concerning my request.

We wonder if you could send us a copy of the names and addresses of the presidents of all baseball clubs in the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. In that way we could address future correspondence to individual clubs.

Again thank you for your letter and we will appreciate this additional information if it is available from your files.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:o

April 18, 1956

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Assistant Director of Education
A.F. of L. - C.I.O.
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

I promised to send you Jimmy Wolfe's letter praising what service we have been able to give them in Kentucky. Here it is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Photo of ltr dtd 4/4/56
from James E. Wolfe

April 18, 1956

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Assistant Director of Education
A.F. of L. - C.I.O.
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

I promised to let you know if I was going to be in Washington anytime soon.

There is still a possibility of such a trip in the first days of May, but it does not seem to be materializing and probably won't.

Howsomeever, I am to go to the neighborhood of Charlottesville, Virginia May 25th and 26th. This is to be part of a forgathering of the friends of the St. Peter Claver Center, which is the Roman-y equivalent of the Friendship House, in Washington, D. C.

If I get that close there is no reason why on Thursday night, May 24th, I shouldn't be available to you. I have marked it on the calendar. If you want to use it, shoot! If not, nothing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1956

Mr. Boris Shishkin
A.F. of L. - C.I.O.
A. F. of L. Building
901 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Boris:

Sorry I missed you when I was by one day last week. I asked that my letter to Mr. Meany of December 20, 1955, be found and blown at and considered. It does seem to us to be a reasonable request. And we greatly hope that Mr. Meany and all of you will put that demonstration behind the good principles he stands for.

To show that we get this or that done, I quote from a recent letter from Jimmy Wolfe in Kentucky thusly:

> ". . . It is my personal opinion that you, more than any other individual, have been responsible for the excellent attitude of our union members. . . ."

We would have a dickens of a hard time getting through the year unless A.F. of L. - C.I.O. came to our help. And we do greatly hope that you will.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Nelson Cruikshank
AFL-CIO, 900 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

April 18, 1956

FBR:

I am prepared to write Ed Lukas and ask him to send us a ~~labor-~~ money Raiser [redacted] to go a'touring. Please confer with me in re.

April 18, 1956

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

I don't believe we have heard from you yet on the desegregation survey dealt with in my memorandum of March 23rd.

I hope you will send me whatever you have, however slight, shortly.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 18, 1956

Mr. David Loth
Hudson Terrace
Piermont, New York

Dear Mr. Loth:

Having tried and failed to get you on the telephone today, I write this belated answer to your letter enclosing the release to the New York Times. Joe Lyford sent me a copy of the story as it appeared.

I think the release was very well done and the resulting story makes good reading. If you or Lyford want to get wider publicity for the story, it is all right with us. I have only one slight reservation, and that is the feeling that we should keep publication plans as flexible as possible. We might want to change our original plans somewhat when we get all our findings together and see how they stack up.

We probably ought to confer, at least by telephone, within the next week or two and decide on next steps.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 18, 1956

Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
The Catholic Committee of the South
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Father Shean:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write you about the articles which you sent by letter of April 6th.

My own reaction is that they are very well written, but probably too well written for the kind of mass, popular distribution which you have in mind. As I understood the tract idea, something shorter and written in more "low brow" language was called for.

Your articles would be excellent for use with a selected, well educated audience, but I doubt that they would serve the ~~other~~ purpose~~s~~ as I understand it.

However, the folks who are actually working at the problem in North and South Carolina would be better judges of that than we in this office, and I would yield to a different opinion from them.

In any case, let me know at any stage in the processes how we can help.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 18, 1956

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

By now you should have received the material you needed. I like your allusion to "bread upon the waters", but I hope the results will fit more nearly the parable of the loaves and the fishes.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 18, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

At the University of Melbourne a principal person is Dr. Elizabeth Nutting. She is a friend of friends of long standing of this Southern Regional Council. The friends of long standing are Mr. and Mrs. George Wolfe who live in Bethesda, Maryland.

Knowing whereof I speak, I advise you to make the acquaintance of Dr. Nutting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1956

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

When I was in New York last week bells began ringing and pink notes went into key slots in order that all the resources of the metropolis would put me into communication with one Carleton Nash of Dothan, Alabama. The resources of the metropolis being what they are, I pretty soon found myself in the presence of Carleton Nash.

He turned out to be a watchmaker and something of a lay preacher who had a conscience on matters of race. I was never quite certain whether, from his account, he had been closed out of Dothan by the expressions of the town, or whether he had just decided to come to New York and see if he could better his fortune as a watchmaker.

The moments we had to confer were exiguous ones; I was due in a meeting which was being kept waiting.

I told Mr. Nash that if he got into serious trouble and thought I could help him he was welcome to telephone me here. I also told him that you are a good egg. He may never pop back into circulation; on the other hand, he may, and quite persistently. A gentle soul and right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. My scratchy notes on the subject yield, as a Dothan address where Mr. Nash would sometime lodge: 505C, Edmond Avenue, Dothan, Alabama

April 18, 1956

Mr. Gilbert Harrison
New Republic
1826 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Gil:

I write to remind you to remember about the Southern Regional Council as the plans for the new foundation shape up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Harry:

We have done a check of Miss Shirley Strickland's address-o-plate. It was unaccountably mislayed, but all is in order now. Sorry for the mix-up.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 18, 1956

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

When I was in Washington the other day, George Guernsey suggested that I make plans to come back to Washington in a few weeks for a meeting with various labor personages, which meeting Guernsey would arrange to discuss strategy in the South. Guernsey thought that it would be well if Mitchell came back to Washington assisted by fresh information from our state organisations as to what the labor movement is doing in the present situation -- state by state.

How much of a problem would it be to get such facts together?

eab/
cc: HCF

April 18, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Kloppe:

I have no advice. Just keep on being honest and doing what an honest man ought to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1956

Mrs. Joan Gibbons
104 "C" Street, N. W.
Washington 2, D. C.

Dear Joan Gibbons:

You and your husband were extremely kind to provide me with transportation, supper, company, and audience the other evening; and I am deeply grateful.

Also, I am grateful for having met an honest congressman; your friend Bolling. Didn't know that there were any any more.

All success to the right honorable the dissertation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1956

Reservations Clerk
Mark Twain Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

The National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers has me coming to their meeting in St. Louis, which meeting is May 17th to 20th. I only have to make a speech on May 18th.

I will fly to St. Louis on the evening of May 17th and I will need to sleep in your hotel the night of the 17th .

The outfit holding the convention notifies me that they have asked you to hold a room for me. I don't know if they have asked you to hold it for the 17th or the 18th -- probably the 18th. This is to ask you to hold it for the night of the 17th. And to mark it "arriving late," and to please Sir hold the reservation for me, because I will badly need a bed when I get there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: National Federation of Settlements
and Neighborhood Centers
226 West Forty-Seventh Street
New York 36, New York

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April 18, 1956

Mr. Edward Howden
Council for Civi Unity of San Francisco
437 Market Street
San Francisco, California

[illegible]:

Thanks for the invitation. Original date open. Alternate date May 23-28 open. May 10-14 unavailable. What is your pleasure?

Regards,

Fred Routh
Assistant Director,
Southern Regional Council.

April 18, 1956

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

Safely back and remembering cordially the conference group Friday afternoon.

Here are the expenses involved:

Railway (with sleepers) Washington - New York - Washington	33.12
Meals	2.65
Tips	.30
Taxi	.95
	37.02

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 18, 1956

Mrs. Eleanor W. Ashman, Supervisor
Speakers' Bureau
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Ashman:

Safely back and remembering warmly the visit with your New York Chapter.

Here are the expenses incurred:

All fares	78.47
Telephone	.75
Tips	.90
Subway	.30
Hotel	11.28
Taxi	1.00
Meals	5.68
	98.38

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

April 18, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

When I was in New York on about April 10th, I went to see one of the lawyers for the Christopher Reynolds Foundation. You will remember that I had asked them for $5,000 to make us ~~hold~~ whole on behalf of the foreign visitors.

Nice man I talked to said that he would pretty soon be conferring with you in re. Uphold us I beg!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 18, 1956

Miss Allyce Nelson, Director
Region V, Girl Scouts
266 S. Cleveland Street
Memphis 4, Tennessee

Dear Miss Nelson:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. A report of our findings on all of the areas on the enclosed sheet will be made, and no one area will be spotlighted.

Could you tell us whether any troops or office staffs of the Girl Scouts have been integrated in Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana since May 1954. Have any camps or other facilities been used jointly by white and Negro Scouts and Scout officials? If you could tell us the date such integration took place, as well as the number of girls or office staff members involved, it would be most helpful.

We are trying to meet an April 30th deadline and would appreciate a letter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

April 19, 1956

(Dictated April 18)

Mr. and Mrs. George Stoney
1832 Biltmore Street, N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mary and George:

How very nice to have your letter of April 10th.

Irene has promised to write out much of what she said in Washington, and it will probably turn up, as you suggest, in New South.

I enclose a special questionnaire for Mary.

I am nearly through with the business for the Cosmos Club, and shall send it on to Pete Hudgens, as a co-proposer, probably today. I am impressed with what you have done.

I dropped a note to Dr. McLendon and to this one or that other member of the club, asking them to support our proposal. In looking through the list of members I came across several well known bad eggs, so I should think so good an egg will go sailing through.

SRC is deeply appreciative of the check. We do have a dickens of a time raising the mountainous sums that are needed to draw out each new installment of the Fund for the Republic grant.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $25.00
Questionnaire for Mrs. Stoney

April 19, 1956

Miss Emily Calhoun
36 Horatio Street
Apartment 3-C
New York 3, New York

Dear Miss Emily:

Thy ladyship sat down to write me about the move to New York one or two days late. I was in New York April 8th, 9th, 10th, and 13th. But I didn't have the advantage of your note of April 10th and so I didn't know you were thereabouts and so I didn't go to see you and so I am sorry.

I have that learned brother Broadus living at 49 Barrow Street, which couldn't be more than a mile from you. When you stroll that way some Sunday, go to see him and his professor wife.

We survive -- much the same.

We will gladly do chores for you in Atlanta. Call on us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC official receipt for $5.00

April 19, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I believe Harold Fleming handled with you the matter of the New York broadcast.

Mrs. Tilly is working up a paper for the meeting of the Executive Committee. I will be glad to see her views on paper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

This is in reply to your letter of April 5th.

As to the decision of the Supreme Court re anti-subversive statutes, the Attorney General of Georgia has announced publicly that he considers that the Supreme Court ruling invalidated the anti-subversive statute.

Yes indeed we will take up, in the April Executive Committee meeting, the selection of Counsel to replace Leonard.

I wrote you some days ago about the business of Mr. Eisenhower, and hope that that will come before the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, 1956

Mr. Seymour Samet, Area Director
American Jewish Committee
Metropolitan Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Seymour:

Many thanks for the speech by Opie L. Shelton of the Chamber of Commerce. We had received an advance copy of the speech on a confidential basis from one of our contacts in Louisiana. We have already written and requested permission to reproduce Shelton's statement in New South. His answer was that it be done in toto and that things of course be not lifted out of context.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending such things and trust you will continue to do so for occasionally we miss some things that you are apt to latch on to. We will reciprocate as we get new information. I have a choice bit I will be sending you soon. You had better get some stickum for your hair because your scalp will tingle and your hair stand on end.

Best regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR

April 19, 1956

Mr. M. J. Jones
Dean of Chapel
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Jones:

Like yourself, I have put my voice vibrations into the chapel enough times to feel that they are a part of the stones.

So very nice for the chapel at Fisk to send us that good substantial item of aid. We have to raise mountains of money each year in order to draw out each succeeding grant from the Fund for the Republic. That makes us deeply grateful for your help.

Appreciatively

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC official Receipt $20.00

April 19, 1956

AIRMAIL

Professor O. D. Duncan
Department of Sociology
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O.D.:

Here is the material on the project we just discussed:

1. A suggestive list of categories in which we feel there may be examples of desegregation since May 17, 1954.

2. A list of instances in Oklahoma that we have collected to date.

3. A list of questions of special interest to us cast up by our researcher.

In general, we are relying on the Southern Education Reporting Service for data on the public schools, so that field of change may be omitted entirely unless you know of errors in the Southern School News figures.

We are looking only for the essential data - who, where, what, when. We are not primarily interested in policy changes or announcements as such, but in concrete changes actually involving people of the two races.

We might agree on a deadline of ten days from the time fact-finding is begun. We would be prepared to pay a honorarium of $35.00 per working day, plus a reasonable amount for necessary expenses incurred. I would assume that the actual working time would not exceed the equivalent of about five full work days, but that estimate is subject to revision.

Some of this information is extremely difficult to get, and we are under no illusions that we can get a complete picture in this short a time. But we do feel that the Oklahoma story could be rounded out a good deal fairly quickly by someone on the scene.

Please let me have your reactions and recommendations. Please call me collect at Walnut 7963 or Walnut 1821. I greatly appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
encs.

April 19, 1956

(Dictated April 18)

Foreign

Mr. Donald A. C. MacLennan
26 Buckingham Terrace
Edinburgh 4, Scotland

Dear Mr. MacLennan:

This came in today. Observe item on Southern Fellowships Fund.

It would be a reverse action, but they might be tempted to do it. Give them a whirl. Use my name for a reference and I will be glad to write to them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. "American Foundation News"
12/15/55

April 19, 1956

Miss Eulalie Ginn, State Director
Methodist Student Movement
Box 85, Univ. Br.
Miami 46, Florida

Dear Eulalie:

Thanks for the letter of April 16. I hope it will be possible for me to be with you all in August. I understand the hesitation on the part of the several cooperating groups in assuming the financial responsibilities involved and certainly would feel no affront if it were impossible. I would feel only regret that I couldn't accomodate the request. There is no immediate hurry on a decision yet invitations to speak keep coming in. But I would be reluctant to accept one at the period you mention for the Florida Convocation. I will hold open the proposed date until I hear definitely from Rev. Ashton.

Best regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 19, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thank you for your note and I do prefer our spelling of "Eagers."

I have just received from Parma Bascomb a clipping from the Gazette of April 13, quoting Winthrop Rockefeller speaking before the Little Rock Woman's Republican Club and saying, "Big industry is shying away from Southern States which think they are above Federal control." Parma said in the note accompanying the clipping that Thelma Irby got the information to Winthrop and Bill Rock for us. Further that Bill Rock made a similar statement at the recent State convention of the League of Women Voters. It would be of very great value to us to have copies of both of these speeches. We probably would like to quote them or even perhaps run them in a later issue of New South. Could you please give prompt attention to obtaining them for us and send them to Harold Fleming?

Best regards to you and Chris.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 19, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I can't find a Robert Marshall Fund in my directory. Tell me whom to write and where.

I cleared everything with Thurgood Marshall and he said he would do his part, and I am ready to do mine. Just need name and address.

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, 1956

Mr. W. E. Solomon, Executive Secretary
Palmetto Education Association
1719 Taylor Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mr. Solomon:

Thank you for your report on desegregation in South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 19, 1956

Mrs. Grace L. Little, Administrator
The Memorial Hospital
1501 Van Buren Street
Wilmington 6, Delaware

Dear Mrs. Little:

Thank you for your letter regarding Negro trainees at Memorial Hospital.

A field worker, Mrs. Margaret Price is presently in Delaware and may call upon you for additional information.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 19, 1956

Mrs. Velma T. McEwen
Executive Director
Fort Worth Urban League
P. O. Box 824
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mrs. McEwen:

Thank you for your report on desegregation in Texas. We always know that we can depend upon the Urban League.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 19, 1956

Mr. Mayes Behrman, Director
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Behrman:

Thank you very much for the list which you and Henry Catchings compiled. It is gratifying to see the progress that has been made in employment in North Carolina.

We will send you copies of our report upon its completion.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 19, 1956

Mrs. Carl Marcy, State President
League of Women Voters of Virginia
2600 South Hayes Street
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Marcy:

Thank you for the information on League units in Virginia.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 19, 1956

Miss Almita S. Robinson, Director
Dallas Job Opportunities Project
American Friends Service Committee
2600 Flora Street
Dallas 4, Texas

Dear Miss Robinson:

Mrs. Price is presently out of the office on a field trip connected with our project. We appreciate the information on job openings in Dallas. Please tell us if you have information on the positions which became open after May, 1954. This is a starting point of our survey and we would greatly appreciate knowing in which jobs Negroes were hired after that date.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 19, 1956

Mr. William F. McKinney
Racial Relations Officer
Federal Housing Administration
315 North Seventh Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. McKinney:

Thank you for your letter regarding open-occupancy projects in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 19, 1956

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin
Executive Department
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Governor McKeldin:

Thank you for your recent letter on the appointment of Negroes since your election. It is gratifying to see the progress that has been made in Maryland.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 19, 1956

Mr. F. D. Moon, Principal
Oklahoma City Public Schools
Douglass High School
900 N. Eastern
Oklahoma City 17, Okla.

Dear Mr. Moon:

Thank you for your report on desegregation in Oklahoma City. We will supply you with a copy of our report on its completion.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 19, 1956

Mr. Harry E. Groves
275 Gillespie Street
Fayetteville, N. C.

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your letter on Negro councilmen. I am writing Mr. Rivera as you suggested.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 19, 1956

Mr. A. Maceo Smith
Racial Relations Officer
Federal Housing Administration
1621 Main Street
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter on Federal Housing Administration's open occupancy policy. We are writing Mr. Mason in accordance with your suggestion.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 19, 1956

Mrs. H. W. Walters, President
League of Women Voters of North Carolina
Box 1222
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Walters:

Thank you for your letter regarding League units in North Carolina. Our report is to cover many fields and there will be no spotlighting of desegregation in any particular area. Please tell us if we may indicate how many Leagues in North Carolina have opened their membership to Negroes since May, 1954.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 19, 1956

Mrs. P. P. Manion, Jr.
President
League of Women Voters of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Mrs. Manion:

Thank you for the information on League units in Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 19, 1956

Mr. Charles C. Beckett
Office of Special Assistant
to the Commissioner
Public Housing Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Beckett:

Thank you for your report on open occupancy in public housing projects. Please send us any future reports of progress in this area.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:c

April 19, 1956

(Dictated April 17)

Mr. Howard D. Samuel
Executive Director
The Sidney Hillman Foundation
15 Union Square West
New York 3, New York

Dear Howard:

I had been out, and I am only back yesterday to your letter of April 11.

We keep a tolerably accurate account of colleges in the South proper and in most of the border states which have opened in the last few years.

I send you the list as of October, 1955.

By our count the following private Protestant colleges in the Southern states proper have opened within the last few years: Pikesville College, Kentucky; Warren Wilson College, North Carolina; Maryville College, Tennessee; Wayland College, Texas; Bridgewater College, Virginia.

Pikesville and Warren Wilson are known to be junior colleges. I have no personal knowledge of Wayland College. I do know Bridgewater slightly and, of course, I know Maryville. They are in some ways comparable, but it would clearly be fair to say that Maryville is better known, older, and a more general kind of a college than Bridgewater. So that Maryville comes out at being the principal Southern private four-year college which has opened its doors.

In addition to opening to students, it, some months ago, took the almost unprecedented step of engaging a Negro instructor. I think he is only part-time, but he is on the faculty. Teaches Spanish I think. Quite a ruckus, but the college stuck by it.

The thing about Maryville that is important is its setting in east Tennessee, and its relationship to the moral force of that area. And I remind you that the moral force of east Tennessee is something!

Whisper it not, but the real reason why Sherman marched to the sea is that the pro-Union population of east Tennessee kept sending word through the lines to Mr. Lincoln, "We are on your side and we are catching the dickens." Send somebody to help us !" And when Grant was through at Vicksburg, Lincoln sent Sherman -- and maybe Grant too -- over to east Tennessee and gave the boys some help. And when Sherman got to Chattanooga and down to Atlanta, the next stop was Savannah.

Point is that east Tennessee had no part of the Confederacy, and fought it. And the people in east Tennessee have a right to independence of opinion, and have a good deal of it !

Further, they have got the cinchiest situation on cracking the public school of anybody tolerably far down into the far South. Hunt up out of your files a copy of the second edition of the pamphlet, Answers for Action, and look at the good map in the back and you will see why east Tennessee is a natural to lead. It is right in the middle of a whole batch of counties, with less than five per cent Negro population. Further, east Tennessee is Scotch-Irish, and Maryville College is Scotch-Irish and (Northern) Presbyterian. And it is an old old place. I believe they set that thing up in about 1820. And it has trained a power of people.

There's a whole string of little colleges up and down those east Tennessee valleys, and Maryville is quite the most interesting one.

One more thing about Maryville. It is in and among that whopping aluminum local of the steel workers -- ALCOA. I can't say that I hear that there are strong links. But there are some. And I know from personal experiences that the ALCOA local would rather like to behave. And certainly the college, standing in its back, props it.

Here's a resolution from a meeting this winter of the Conference of the Council of the Southern Mountains, Inc.: "We urge that local people -- of all groups -- come together in equal dignity and full democracy to work toward the solution of their problems within the framework of the Supreme Court decisions; that they support the administrators who stand for law and order as embodied in our Federal Constitution; and that we -- the people of the Appalachian South, so conduct ourselves that we may serve as an example to the rest of the South and as a beacon of hope to the rest of the world."

Once upon a time an old gentleman I knew said, "A university is the state thinking." Maryville College (and also Berea, I must say) is the Southern mountains thinking. So, I think the boys ought to be helped.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Encl. - "Desegregating White Institutions"

April 19, 1956

Mr. David Hamilton
Student Council
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Your letter of April 16th came in today, and I proceeded to get into communication, by telephone, with your Associate Dean of Men Students.

To him I suggested that you would be admirably served by the man who is the Executive Director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations at 100 East Franklin Street, Richmond 19, Virginia. Telephone number is 3-8538. His name is, the Reverend John H. Marion. A matured Presbyterian parson, still young enough to work well with college people. Occasionally in mildly hot water with his congregation here or there for being on the right side of things. Trusted by his denomination (Presbyterian Church in the U. S.). Doing a good job for the Virginia Council on Human Relations, which is SRC's affiliate in that state.

Jack Marion will only cost you expences from Richmond up and back. So you will save on the deal and get a mighty good man.

By the way, I have talked with Jack Marion and he has the day free, and ~~shall~~ will hold it for you. So if you haven't invited him, and if you decide to invite him, I suggest you do it pronto, yesterday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

I have talked at some length with Dr. Mitchell about the second paragraph of your letter of April 10, as I promised I would. I did this to be sure I had a proper understanding of the agreement reached by the State representatives attending the Finance Committee meetings which have been held in New Orleans and Atlanta. I set them out for you here:

1. The State representatives who are on SRC's Finance Committee are supposed to make a separate effort at fund-raising from the regular fund-raising activities of the State organisation.
2. It is hoped that each will raise in his respective State two thousand dollars which will be split fifty-fifty between that State organisation and the SRC Central office.
   - a. The one thousand dollars they cause to be paid to the State organisation would constitute a part of the thirty-five hundred dollars minimum to be raised by each State organisation to qualify it for next year's grant.
3. In the event that two thousand dollars is not reached we will expect to split fifty-fifty whatever amount was raised in this special effort.

This was the understanding that was reached between SRC representatives and State representatives at the Finance Committee meetings. Hope this straightens out the matter for you and for your Board members, especially the Finance Committee people.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

P.S. George Mitchell adds that he supposes any misunderstanding has as one its roots the fact (?) that the Mississippi Council on Human Relations (uniquely) has not as yet named a special person to be its representative on the Finance Committee established by the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council; but instead asked its own State Organization's Finance Chairman to add to his State responsibilities service on this SRC-Board-selected Finance Committee.

You could simplify the matter by causing the Mississippi Council on Human Relations to name Mr. Miller as its nominee to be appointed by SRC as a member of SRC's Finance Committee. Suggest you do.

Copy - Mrs. Spearman

April 19, 1956

Mr. Philip Hammer
Hammer and Company
Glenn Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Phil:

I am sorry that it is not possible for you to go to South Carolina, but understand the great pressure on your time. I hope in the future it will be possible for you and some of our State organizations to get together because the information you have is of vital importance to them.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 19, 1956

Mr. Seymour Samet, Area Director
American Jewish Committee
Metropolitan Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Seymour:

Here is the material which I said would make your hair stand on end. The pieces from Aryan Knights and the Klan were left in the Moore Building in Montgomery in October. The "Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" was distributed as indicated on the sheet. And the one caption "Where shall we draw the line?" was distributed at other WCC meeting. As I mentioned in my previous letter, a bit of hair stickum would be helpful or perhaps some Pepto-Bismol to soothe the stomach walls would be more apropos.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 19, 1956

Mr. Arthur Levin, Director
Southeastern Region
Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'rith
41 Exchange Place
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Arfer:

Here are the clippings I promised you. The one labelled "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" was passed out at the WCC meeting at the State Coliseum, Friday night, February 10, 1956, in Montgomery. The two from the KKK were left in the Moore Building in Montgomery in October, 1955. And the one labelled "Where shall we draw the line?" was distributed at another Council meeting in Montgomery.

I have stapled two pages together because our machine reproduces on only one side of the paper, but each stapled piece is only one sheet of paper in its original form. I think these should interest your people in Montgomery.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 19, 1956

Mr. Charles F. MacLennan
Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
1309 East Broad Street
Columbus 5, Ohio

Dear Mr. MacLennan:

I enclose the photograph (glossy) of Mr. George S. Mitchell, as requested in your letter of April 13th.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to Mr. Mitchell

P. S. Would appreciate very much the return of this photograph when it has met all of your publicity needs.

April 19, 1956

Mr. Richard V. Marks, Secretary Relations
National Association of Intergroup Officials
1106 Water Board Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Dick:

I have received your notice of the NAIRO Board meeting, May 11-12 in Detroit and I shall be there. As I told John Field last year SRC's agreement with me is to pay my way to the Annual Meeting and to one Board meeting per year. I would like to attend all Board meetings and if a speech with an honorarium could be possibly arranged with a group located in the city where the other Board meetings are being held I of course could come. This one in May will be an SRC-financed undertaking.

Best regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 19, 1956

Mr. Philip Horton, Senior Editor
The Reporter
136 East 57th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Phil:

Thanks for your letter and for the copy of the Wall $treet Journal article. My would-be collaborator, Paul Anthony, did interview several big business men and took a flyer at writing up the results in article form. My own situation is so desperate, that I hoped this would do the trick. But I'm afraid we haven't yet achieved anything up to the Reporter's standards. Fortunately Doug and I had our long deferred reunion yesterday while he was between planes in Atlanta. We hashed over the whole question of an economic article, he took along what was on paper, and is supposed to communicate with me in the next day or two. I hope with Doug's recommendations that we can pull something useable together before long. I only wish I had a few consecutive days to devote to doing the job as it should be done.

Once I have heard from Doug I will write again.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
enc.

April 19, 1956

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your letter about the recent article in Business Week. We were able to help their Southern man somewhat in pulling the facts together.

As you will see from the latest issue of New South, enclosed, we think the economic aspect of this question ought to be pushed in every possible way. I would like to see the Business Week article and other similar treatments of this subject given the widest possible dissemination. We have a good many things to choose from, and I had not decided whether Business Week was best for a large scale distribution. If you are interested in making some use of it too, maybe we could get together on it. We would probably farm out to our State groups the job of selecting key economic leaders and opinion makers within their respective states who ought to receive reprints.

Let me know what you are thinking.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

P.S. I note that Seymour Samet is distributing in mimeograph form the excellent speech by Opie Shelton, Executive Vice President of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce. We have obtained Mr. Shelton's permission to print the speech and look upon it as an excellent choice for wide distribution.

HCF:o
enc.

Copy: Bill Williams

April 18, 1956

Mr. William H. Adams, III
Durden & Adams
200 Consolidated Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Bill:

Beth Friedman has told me of your interest in the activities of our Florida Council on Human Relations, and I hasten to send you some material about the Southern Regional Council, its parent organization. A fellow attorney, Davison Dunlap, is a Board member of the Florida Council on Human Relations, and its fomer President. Our staff is located at 324 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach. If you will write Bill Williams or Howard Roberts down there they will be glad glas to come up and meet with a group of interested Jacksonvillains at your convenience. I will send a copy of this letter to Bill Williams so that he knows the background of our correspondence, and also to ask him to get in touch with you. Thanks for your interest and from what Beth tells me I look forward to meeting you all when next I get to Jacksonville.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 19, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe. Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st Street,
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

Thank you for your letter of April 16. Mrs. Alexander informs me that your Social Security number was there on her desk the same day that I wrote you so all is well regarding your check and your Social Security coverage.

I would be interested in the names of people who are being considered to fill the spot of Executive Director and would like to fly out there and sit in on the meeting of the Personnel Committee when candidates are interviewed. I should add here I personally think highly of Edwin G. Kloppe for the position, but the decision must rest with him and with the Board of the Texas Commission.

Regarding your postscript and the enclosed reproductions of the articles on interposition: I think they are well done and would like to suggest that you send a copy to each of our other State-affiliated organizations. I see no harm but rather considerable good from sending them out with your next Newsletter.

Best regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 19, 1956

Mrs. Ruby J. Smith
Press Secretary
Philadelphia Fellowship Commission
260 South Fifteenth Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Had a grand time in Philadelphia, and I am grateful to you and all the others. My wife appreciated the pictures, and we all read the clipping with greatest interest.

I send you a copy of some back issues of our maggie, and hope you can keep dropping down to the library and will read it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. New South, Mar. & Apr., '56

April 19, 1956

Miss Vanessa Brown
144 Baroda Drive
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Miss Brown:

I appreciate your burning up long distance money. Next time you are on this side of the world, I will hope for better luck toward meeting with you.

I send, separately, the issues of our magazine for the last ten months or so.

I am clean out of my best pamphlet, called *Answers for Action*, that tells what to do about the schools. There's just not another one here. It has a lovely map in the back which explains a lot. Generally speaking, what the map shows is that in the Appalachian mountains, and in the Ozark-Ouachita plateau, and in Oklahoma, and West Texas, and South Texas, and Kentucky, and in the Eastern two-thirds of Tennessee, and in parts of Florida, opening the schools would be pretty easy. And it shows that in the old Plantation Belt in South Carolina, Southeastern Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Bottom Land Arkansas, it is going to be tough. One key to the present problem is that in most Southern states the State Legislature is stacked with a tortured over-representation of the very plantation areas most anxious to kick up a fuss. So that what the politicians say is representative of our electorates as stacked (particularly in areas in which Negroes cannot vote); but is not necessarily the voice of the people in these states.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
New South, Apr.'55- Apr. '56
Changing Patterns in the New South
SRC grey leaflet

MEMO

April 20, 1956

TO: Mr. Marion A. Wright

FROM: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

In order to comply with approved procedure the professional staff would like to know in advance when they are expected to be present at sessions of the Executive Committee meeting. This is governed by the statement in the memorandum to the Executive Committee dated January 20, 1956, and subsequently approved by the Committee.

If the staff can be given guidance on this, they will be grateful.

April 20, 1956

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

We would like to take advantage of your most kind, tentative offer to send out someone with money-raising experience to advise with people in our twelve state organizations.

The best month is probably May. Could be June.

For our purposes it would be better if your man could take a trip that would get him to Richmond, Charlotte, Columbia, Atlanta, Daytona Beach, Montgomery, Jackson, New Orleans, Austin, Little Rock, Nashville, and Lexington. That is quite a number of cities, but are those in which the Frankfort best work will be done if he can meet the people on their own ground where they can fetch in their local Board members who can help. If it has to be that way, we could squeeze people together, two states at a time, and cut down the cities to six.

Let me know what seems feasible, and we will arrange things at this end.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1956

Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
P. O. Box 6056
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hancock:

We could not be more grateful for anyone's gift than for yours.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $25.00

April 20, 1956

Mr. Maxwell Abbell
Chairman
The President's Committee on
Government Employment Policy
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Abbell:

Many thanks for your letter of April 16th about the meeting coming up in Washington May 24th.

I will be present for some of it, but I don't know for how much. I promised to meet with some labor people in Washington some of that day also. But count me in, and I will look forward to hearing what goes on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1956

Mr. David J. McDonald
President
USA, AFL, CIO
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

We were all as pleased as could be with the strong, wise, and right things you said on March 15th to the Pennsylvania IUC. The way to check the reactionary movement in the South is to meet it and deal with it; too many people are waiting and hoping!

We struck a similar note, about the same time. I send a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC release dtd 3/5/56

April 20, 1956

Mr. Mitchell Morse
625 South Allen Street
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mitchell:

I propped myself up with the three reprints you sent, and did my best to understand. But you are out beyond me. I am leagues behind Joyce — an illiterate.

Still I'm for you, and your wife and younkers.

And I'll be seeking company.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o The Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

Re proxies, here's what the by-laws say:

> "If necessary, members of the Executive Committee may by written notice appoint a proxy from among the members of the Council to attend and vote on behalf of such members."

I don't think the proxy device will be needed for scaring up a quorum; though we appreciate the offer (and in a pinch would try to use it). But there is the extra problem that GSM and other staff persons are not now members of the Council (which is just the Board). So for future use, you would have to name some sure-enough members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1956

Mr. George Guernsey
Assistant Director of Education
A. F. of L. - C. I. O.
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

I see that something called the President's Committee on Government Employment Policy has called a meeting at the Willard Hotel Thursday, May 24th.

I have told them I would be there of and on, but my first interest would be in meeting with any group you might fetch together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1956

Mrs. M. H. Sterne
Box 616, Route 2
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Sterne:

I am looking forward to meeting with your group next Thursday, April 26, at 6:45 P.M. I will come over in the early afternoon and I am planning to stay at the Tutwiler. You can reach me there any time after 2:00 P.M. I would appreciate transportation being arranged out to your house and back into town.

I will be glad to share the platform with Hallie Farmer of Alabama College. The title of my talk will be "Changing Patterns in the South."

Thanks for the analysis of the opinions represented in the group. It's helpful in planning a talk to know who your listening audience is, but I shall report on a factual basis what is happening in the South and where changes are taking place.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 20, 1956

The Reverend Almon R. Pepper, D. D.
Director, Department of Christian
Social Relations
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Pepper:

Thank you for the findings of the Cleveland Conference. Muriel Webb did a remarkable job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1956

Mr. Joe Heath
Labor Temple
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Heath:

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We quite realize that a survey accurate in detail, if possible at all, would have to be made by personal contact with a great number of international and area and district and local union officers. We have neither the time nor the funds to get together so detailed a picture.

While we would not expect you to be able to answer an elaborate questionnaire or to supply statistics on six or eight matters, we are satisfied that you know pretty well what we would like to know. We have put our questions on the next sheet.

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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:e
encl.

April 20, 1956

AIRMAIL

Mr. William K. Wyant
The Post Dispatch
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Bill:

It was good to talk with you last night.

Here are several enclosures that may help to make our project clearer:

1. A list of categories in which we think specific instances of desegregation may have occurred. (Not all of these categories are worth spending much time on; we simply tried to list every field in which something might have happened).

2. A handful of items that we have for Missouri. Aside from the broad areas of public education and public housing, our findings are negligible.

3. A list of special questions cast up by our researcher for Oklahoma, but generally applicable to Missouri as well.

4. A brief description of the project and its mechanics.

I'm delighted that it looks as though you can work with us on this hurried effort. If there are questions that I have left unanswered, we can cover those when we talk again.

All the best to you and Careta.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:e
encs.

April 20, 1956

Mr. Lew Rhodes
1026 Hurt Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

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April 20, 1956

Mr. Woodrow Pendergrass
725 Enterprise Building
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Pendergrass:

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Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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April 20, 1956

Mr. Lige Williams
1919 St. Claude Avenue
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Williams:

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April 20, 1956

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FROM: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant GSA.

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an encouragement to others. Also he thought that Southern areas would greatly care what opinion of them was held in Washington and the rest of the world. The South "gets more money from the United States Treasury than any other part of the country." We could begin to probe into the propriety of this. Such problems as transportation and others were collateral to the school question.

Father Shean said that many people who think they are standing alone are surprised to find the amount of agreement elsewhere in their communities.

Further discussion came around to the view that the content of the two papers should be the basis of an early special issue of New South. And the Committee upon motion directed that this be done.

STAFF ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS

Mr. Wright brought up the resolution made at the final Executive Session at the Mammoth Cave meeting last summer, which action had severely limited staff attendance at meetings of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Wright said in subsequent conferences with the staff that it had appeared to him that the arrangement set up at Mammoth Cave was not an altogether happy one. He had therefore asked the staff to submit a proposal on that matter. The Executive Director then read the memorandum following:

January 20, 1956

TO: The Executive Committee

FROM: The Professional Staff

RE: Staff Participation in Executive Committee and Board Meetings

The staff fully recognizes that the Board and Executive Committee have complete authority to prescribe the degree of staff participation, if any, they wish to have in policy-making meetings. The purpose of this memorandum is merely to set forth in an advisory spirit our best thinking on the subject.

The aim of any arrangement should, it seems to us, be two-fold: (1) To make possible the fullest sharing of ideas and opinions by professional staff and policy persons; but at the same time (2) to safeguard the privacy of the policy group in actual decision-making and in considering staff members, staff performance, and other intimate organizational questions.

As your professional staff, we feel that we have much both to give and to get by participation in policy discussions. We are able in this way to benefit from the experience and knowledge of our lay leadership; we can deepen our insight into what is wanted and expected of us; and we can emerge with sound understanding of the thinking behind decisions which we are to implement. Conversely, Board and Committee members will have the advantage of detailed information and insights which staff members derive from day-to-day work in this field. Creative interchange of this kind seems to us the essence of wise formulation of program and policy.

We emphasize, however, that once full discussion has taken place and all views have been frankly expressed and considered, decision is exclusively the function of the policy group. Staff members have neither the right nor the desire to intrude on this function.

In order to further these objectives, we propose the following arrangements:

(1) That the Executive Director, the Assistant Directors, the Director of Women's Work, and the Secretary-Treasurer be present at all except Executive Sessions. It is recognized that there will be sessions in which the presence of the Executive Director alone would be desirable.

(2) That the agenda for each meeting be so ordered that there are ample Executive Sessions during which the Committee or Board may make its final decisions and take up matters of a private nature.

(3) That the agenda be so planned that staff members may know in advance which sessions they are expected to attend.

(4) That both staff members and policy persons carefully observe the distinction between open sessions and Executive Sessions and guard against ill-timed discussions.

Mr. Wright indicated intention on the part of the Executive Committee in Executive Session to decide any action on this matter.

DEATH OF DR. WILL W. ALEXANDER

Upon motion the following resolution was approved and ordered sent to Mrs. Alexander:

> We, the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, wish to acknowledge the incalculable debt which we, the South, and the Nation owe to the late Dr. Will W. Alexander. It was largely through his leadership that Negro and white Southerns first joined in equal dignity to seek the way to a more democratic society. The growing number of Americans devoted to the achievement of this aim stand as a living memorial to his unfaltering faith in his fellowmen. Here was a man who translated into skilled actions the thoughts of a keen mind and the love of a great heart. We shall gravely miss his wise counsel but we re-dedicate ourselves to furthering the task which was his life-work.

NULLIFICATION, INTERPOSITION, UNDSOWEITER

Father Shean, Mr. Wright and Mr. Fleming and others briefly discussed the purport of this present controversy. Father Shean thought there ought to be some clarification of the public meaning of the controversy.

Mr. Wright suggested that Mr. Fleming be in touch with Professor Jay Murphy of the University of Alabama, and get also additional aid from recent articles

April 20, 1956

Mr. Paul Christopher
705 Broadway N. E.
Knoxville 17, Tenn.

Dear Paul:

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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

GSM:c
enc.

April 20, 1956

Mr. Joseph P. Lyford
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Joe:

Here is a copy of the latest issue of New South, in which we pull together some of the material dealing with the threat to the South's economic progress. We are sending this to Chambers of Commerce as a follow-up to our earlier letter on the subject.

We received permission to publish the speech by Opie L. Shelton, a copy of which I sent you the other day and I think that we can make additional effective use of that.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
enc.

April 20, 1956

Mr. Jack Hamm
Religious Drawings
3309 Brookview Drive
Waco, Texas

Dear Mr. Hamm:

I have heard some very enthusiastic remarks about the series of drawings on Christianity and segregation which you have prepared.

Would it be possible for us to see a set of the drawings and to receive information from you as to the basis on which they may be distributed and reproduced?

As you may know, the Southern Regional Council is an established non-profit organization principally concerned with race relations in the South. We have affiliated organizations in twelve Southern States which are working for further progress toward desegregation. From what I have heard of your drawings, I think it is extremely likely that our State groups, as well as the regional organization, would find them extremely useful program aids.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
enc.

April 20, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Frank:

I think you will find this issue of New South, summarising the treatment to the South's economy, of special interest. We are urging our State groups to give special program emphasis to the points which it raises. We are also sending it as a follow-up to our Chamber of Commerce letter.

I am calling this to Joe Lyford's attention too.

I recall that when you were here we talked about the need for more interpretation of what is actually called for by the Supreme Court's School Decision. I thought you would want to see the pamphlet, copy enclosed, which we prepared to help the State groups in this respect.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
encs.

April 20, 1956

Mr. Carey Haigler
1023 Independence Building
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Mr. Haigler:

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Assistant Director

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

April 20, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: State affiliates

FROM: Harold C. Fleming

SUBJECT: Economic issue of NEW SOUTH

Here is a copy of the April issue of New South which you and your members will be receiving through normal channels in a few days. I thought it would be worth calling to your special attention, since it brings into focus economic aspects of the segregation controversy which have recently come to the fore. It has seemed to us that the threat to the South's economy posed by current resistance tactics is a very potent argument for the reasonable programs which we are advocating.

I hope you will give every consideration to ways in which this argument can be brought to bear on responsible economic leadership in your state.

HCF:o
enc.

Same letter was sent to Dr. Killian

April 20, 1956

Dr. Harry J. Walker
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Walker:

Mr. John Hope requested that the enclosed materials on South Carolina be sent to you.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

Enclosures:

Statistical summary on S. C.
Report on S. C. desegregation
Pro-segregation groups in S. C.
1955 pro-segregation activity in S. C.
N. Y. Times story on S. C.
Resume of S. C. legislation
April 1956 New South

April 20, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th. You mention that Sam Taylor wanted a copy of the minutes so he could refer to my report at some meeting. This is perfectly O.K., of course, but I don't recall saying anything significant or worth repeating.

As to your letterhead, that is primarily a local concern, but so that you might see what other States have that is different from that which Kentucky now has, I send three samples. Please return them for the correspondence is important and we don't have blank copies of State letterheads sitting about the place. I personally prefer a simple form such as Tennessee or North Carolina has, but find the Arkansas copy attractive too.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

P.S. Did you help the telephone man with his problem?

April 23, 1956

Mr. Ross Clinchy, Executive Director
The President's Committee on Government Employment Policy
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Ross Clinchy:

Many thanks for your helpful letter and the enclosures. Your answers are of help to us in our desegregation inventory. I have turned the papers over to our Research Assistant, and if any questions develop I will send them on to you. Thanks once more.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 23, 1956

To: MET

If you will use the days of this week to do a rough draft of the sort of proposal you would like, and that would meet the wishes of the Executive Committee, I will work with you on shaping it up after my return from Greensboro, effective April 28.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

April 23, 1956

Mr. Edward Howden, Executive Director
Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco
437 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Proposed schedule satisfactory. Looking forward to California.

Fred Routh

April 23, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
114 South Bemiston Street
Clayton, Missouri

Dear Margaret Dagen:

For something called the National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers, which lives in New York, I am to speak at the Statler Hotel in St. Louis Friday, May 18th at their meeting.

They pay my travel plus a giftie for SRC. All about desegregation and the changing Southern scene. I will fetch into St. Louis the evening of the 17th and will fetch out toward home the late afternoon of the 18th. That gives me the forenoon of the 18th free. Will you give the man Gibbons a ring and see if I might see him then. Or, failing him, some top lieutenant. I like lieutenants and find that they often do the general's job quite well.

Would hope to see you and your husband, but would not inflict a meeting on you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr.Mitchell/signed in his absence.

April 23, 1956

Mr. Frank Wansong
Manager
Hotel Mark Twain
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Mr. Wansong:

Thank you for your letter of April 20th, in which you state that you will be unable to accomodate Mr. George S. Mitchell on the night of May 17th.

Mr. Mitchell is away from the office this week, but I am sure he would want me to express his gratitude for your kindness in making a reservation for him at the Melbourne Hotel. I am writing them today in confirmation of his arrival there the night of May 17th.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Mr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

April 23, 1956

Reservations Clerk
Melbourne Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm the reservation made for Mr. George S. Mitchell by the Mark Twain Hotel in your city.

Mr. Mitchell will be arriving the night of May 17th via EAL Flight 272. The plane gets into the airport in St. Louis at 10:29 p.m., so we would appreciate it if you would mark the reservation for late arrival. Mr. Mitchell will be leaving St. Louis by plane in the late afternoon of May 18th.

Would appreciate receiving confirmation of this.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Mr. George S. Mitchell

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April 23, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: G.S.M.

FROM: G.S.A.

Just to remind you that letters should go to Dr. B. R. Brazeal, Atlanta and to Rev. Duncan Hunter, Alexander City, Alabama inviting them to serve on the Executive Committee. A letter should also go to Mr. Joseph Haas the newly elected counsel. The counsel also becomes a member of the Executive Committee.

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April 23, 1956

Mr. A. C. Miller
The Christian Life Commission of the
  Southern Baptist Convention
Room 414, 161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report.

If there has been any integration in Baptist church membership, Sunday Schools, vacation Bible schools, camps, conferences, interchurch organizations or church affiliated institutions since May 1954, could you tell us when and where these cases of integration occurred? Please check any cases which should not be publicized and we will treat them confidentially.

We are trying to meet a May 11th deadline and would appreciate a letter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o
enc.

April 23, 1956

Mr. Robert Foster
P. O. Box 1315
Emory University, Ga.

Dear Bob:

Thanks very much for the clippings and the ones you have sent in the past. We do appreciate them and we are glad that the boys on the Wheel are doing such a good job.

Why don't you come and see us again sometimes or is school keeping you too busy?

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable

JC:o

April 23, 1956

Mr. Oscar J. Lee
National Council of Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Lee:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report.

Could you tell us of any cases of integration in church membership, conferences, interchurch organisations, etc. which have occurred since May 1954? Please give us the place, date and limitations (if any) of such desegregation. If there are cases which you believe should not be publicised, please check them and we will treat them confidentially.

We are trying to meet a May 11th deadline and would appreciate a letter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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enc.

April 23, 1956

Mr. A. Dudley Ward, Executive Secretary
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ward:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report.

If there has been any integration in Methodist church membership, Sunday Schools, vacation Bible schools, camps, conferences, interchurch organizations or church affiliated institutions since May 1954, could you tell us when and where these cases of integration occurred? Please check any cases which should not be publicized and we will treat them confidentially.

We are trying to meet a May 11th deadline and would appreciate a letter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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enc.

AIRMAIL April 23, 1956

Mr. M. Moran Weston
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Weston:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report.

If there has been any integration in Episcopal church membership, Sunday Schools, vacation Bible schools, camps, conferences, interchurch organizations or church affiliated institutions since May 1954, could you tell us when and where these cases of integration occurred? Please check any cases which should not be publicized and we will treat them confidentially.

We are trying to meet a May 11th deadline and would appreciate a letter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying various organizations in the seventeen Southern and border states to determine the extent of bi-racial participation. A number of areas are being surveyed, and no one field is being spotlighted.

We would greatly appreciate your completing the enclosed questionnaire on Chest, Fund, or Council representation. Please record dates of initial participation as accurately as possible. If exact dates are not known, approximate dates will be helpful. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience. If possible, please return the questionnaire by May 11, 1956.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Enclosure

Mailed 4/23/56

COMMUNITY CHEST, FUND AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

TO: Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Georgia

FROM: ______________________________ Chest, Fund or Council

______________________________ Location

Is there presently a Negro member (or members) on the Chest or Fund's Board? Yes ☐ No ☐

If there is no Negro member at present, has there ever been a Negro member of the Board? Yes ☐ No ☐

When did a Negro first become a member of the Board? ______________________.
Month Year

If the Council is a separate organization, is there a Negro member of the Council's Board? Yes ☐ No ☐

If there is no Negro member at present, has there ever been a Negro member of the Council's Board? Yes ☐ No ☐

When did a Negro first become a member of the Council's Board? ______________.
Month Year

Are Board meetings ever luncheon or dinner meetings? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do Negro members attend these meetings? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, when did Negro Board members begin attending? ______________________.
Month Year

Are white commercial hotels, restaurants, or facilities available for Board's bi-racial assembly meetings? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, when did they open facilities?

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Are they available for luncheon or dinner meetings? Yes ☐ No ☐

When did they become available?

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Are non-commercial facilities (Y's, churches, etc.) available for bi-racial luncheons or dinners? Yes ☐ No ☐

Specify the facilities and when they became available?

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If there are no Negroes on the Board, is there a Negro Advisory Committee?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Does entire Negro Advisory Committee or representative only attend regular meetings of Board? ______________________________.

When did entire committee begin attending regular Board meetings? ______________.
Month Year

When did representative start attending? ______________________.
Month Year

If neither attends regular meetings, please check ☐

Is there a Negro division or quota for any portion of the Fund Raising Campaign?
Yes ☐ No ☐

If the division or quota designated as "Negro" has been completely abolished, when was it abolished? ________________.
Month Year

If only a portion of the formerly Negro division or quota has been integrated in the general Campaign, please indicate what remains in the Negro division, what has been absorbed in the general campaign and when the latter was absorbed.

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Are all workers' rallies and report meetings bi-racial? Yes ☐ No ☐

When were rallies and report meetings first opened to all workers? ________________.
Month Year

Are some rallies and report meetings restricted to one race while other meetings are bi-racial? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please indicate the types of meetings restricted to one race, the types of meetings which are bi-racial, and the dates bi-racial meetings were initiated (if all meetings are not bi-racial).

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(Signature of Respondent)

____
Date

April 24, 1956

Dear Frank:

Here are two gratifying mentions of SRC - one an editorial of the Christian Science Monitor and one in the current issue of Time. This is the kind of recognition we like to get. We will try to contrive some effective follow-up to the Monitor's proposal. Best regards.

Sincerely,

CC: Mr. Joseph Lyford
with enclosures

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April 24, 1956

Mr. Richard K. Bennett
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania (RIttenhouse 6-9372)

Contact Mrs. R. S. Lyells in Jackson Mississippi, telephone 5-5673 re Irene Osborne.

Beth Friedman
Secretary
Southern Regional Council

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

April 24, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: Harold C. Fleming

Here, for your information, are two new favorable mentions of SRC by national publications. The article from Time points up the Council's role in calling attention to the economic aspects of the crisis in the South today. Even more noteworthy is the editorial from the Christian Science Monitor which calls for national recognition of the SRC as an agency which can contribute to the solution of the current acute racial problem. We will keep you informed of any developments arising from the Monitor's proposal.

HCF:o
encs.

AIRMAIL April 24, 1956

Mr. Ben C. Henley, Chairman
Arkansas Republican State Committee
224 Exchange Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Henley:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in Arkansas' Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party of Arkansas since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

If you can tell us of bi-racial activities or representation other than that we've specifically inquired about, please do so. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o
enc.

AIRMAIL April 25, 1956

Mr. Perry Compton, Chairman
Missouri Republican State Committee
204 Adams Street
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Compton:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in Missouri's Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party (of Missouri) since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

If you can tell us of bi-racial activities or representation other than that we've specifically inquired about, please do so. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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AIRMAIL April 25, 1956

Mr. S. W. Miller, Chairman
Republican State Executive Committee
1120 West Pearl Street
Jackson 3, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in Mississippi's Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party (of Mississippi) since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

If you can tell us of bi-racial activities or representation other than that we've specifically inquired about, please do so. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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AIRMAIL April 25, 1956

Mr. C. Edward Duffy, Chairman
Republican State Committee
400 Continental American Bldg.
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Duffy:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in Delaware's Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party of Delaware since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

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Sincerely,

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Research Assistant

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April 25, 1956

AIRMAIL

Mr. C. Eldred Rinehart, Chairman
Republican State Central Committee of Maryland
1112 Fidelity Building
Baltimore 1, Maryland

Dear Mr. Rinehart:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in Maryland's Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party of Maryland since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

If you can tell us of bi-racial activities or representation other than that we've specifically inquired about, please do so. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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April 25, 1956

AIRMAIL

Mr. N. Bryant James, Chairman
Republican State Central Committee
of Louisiana
P. O. Box 146
Farmerville, Louisiana

Dear Mr. James:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in Louisiana's Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party of Louisiana since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

If you can tell us of bi-racial activities or representation other than that we've specifically inquired about, please do so. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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AIRMAIL

April 25, 1956

Mr. Dewey Daniel, Chairman
Kentucky Republican State Committee
304 W. Chestnut
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Daniel:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in Kentucky's Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party of Kentucky since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

If you can tell us of bi-racial activities or representation other than that we've specifically inquired about, please do so. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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AIRMAIL April 25, 1956

Mr. G. Harold Alexander, Chairman
Republican State Executive Committee
of Florida
1266 Wales Drive, Burtwood
Ft. Myers, Florida

Dear Mr. Alexander:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in Florida's Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party of Florida since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

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Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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AIRMAIL April 25, 1956

Mr. Claude O. Vardaman, Chairman
Republican State Executive Committee of Alabama
2100 First Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Vardaman:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in Alabama's Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party of Alabama since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

If you can tell us of bi-racial activities or representation other than that we've specifically inquired about, please do so. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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AIRMAIL April 25, 1956

Mr. James O. Lakin, Chairman
West Virginia Republican Executive Committee
P. O. Box 1007
Charleston 24, W. Virginia

Dear Mr. Lakin:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in West Virginia's Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party (of West Virginia) since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

If you can tell us of bi-racial activities or representation other than that we've specifically inquired about, please do so. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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AIRMAIL April 25, 1956

Mr. John Q. Adams, Chairman
Republican State Executive Committee of Texas
P. O. Box 1429
Harlingen, Texas

Dear Mr. Adams:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in Texas' Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party (of Texas) since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

If you can tell us of bi-racial activities or representation other than that we've specifically inquired about, please do so. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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AIRMAIL April 25, 1956

Mr. S. Floyd Landreth, Chairman
Virginia Republican State Central Committee
100½ N. Main Street
Galax, Virginia

Dear Mr. Landreth:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in Virginia's Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party (of Virginia) since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

If you can tell us of bi-racial activities or representation other than that we've specifically inquired about, please do so. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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AIRMAIL April 25, 1956

Mr. Ray Jennings, Chairman
North Carolina Republican Executive Committee
Taylorsville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jennings:

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Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party (of North Carolina) since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

If you can tell us of bi-racial activities or representation other than that we've specifically inquired about, please do so. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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AIRMAIL April 25, 1956

Mr. Guy L. Smith, Chairman
Tennessee Republican State Executive Committee
c/o Knoxville Journal
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in Tennessee's Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party (of Tennessee) since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

If you can tell us of bi-racial activities or representation other than that we've specifically inquired about, please do so. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

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Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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AIRMAIL April 25, 1956

Mr. David Dows, Chairman
The South Carolina Republican Party
Bradley
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dows:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report. We would appreciate your giving us some information on the participation of Negroes in South Carolina's Republican Party.

Have Negroes been elected to any offices within the Republican Party (of South Carolina) since May 1954? When and from what areas have they served as delegates to state and county conventions? In which cases did their election represent the first time a Negro had served in this position? What Party gatherings have Negroes attended for the first time since May 1954?

If you can tell us of bi-racial activities or representation other than that we've specifically inquired about, please do so. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irwing
Research Assistant

FBI:o
enc.

April 25, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: HCF

RE: Background sketch on SRC

We are getting a good many requests for history and background of SRC. Here is a six page screed I have put together from various historical documents. The idea is to mimeograph it for general use, though it could be printed later on if that seems warranted.

I would like your reaction before mimeographing, In particular, we need to revise the paragraph on financial support starting on page 4 to include labor help, and probably to revise the selection of other donors. You are the one to say how that should be done.

April 25, 1956

TO: GSM
FROM: HCF
RE: Harris charges

Here is a stab at cataloging Roy Harris' lies about SRC. I dare say it would be possible, by tediously plowing through more issues, to turn up some further nonsensical items. But the ones treated here represent the substance of Harris' mythology about us, and I should think any reasonable person would see how he works from this much analysis.

Let me know whether this is the kind of thing you had in mind and how close this comes to meeting the need as you see it.

April 25, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: HCF

RE: Letter from Fay Bennett

I think we ought to do something by way of direct mail appeals. That means getting up a mailing piece and laying hold of appropriate mailing lists of persons likely to be friendly to us. Father Shean, who knows something about this, is supposed to advise with us on it when he is in Atlanta early in May.

After you have written Miss Bennett, I would like to get this material back for more careful scrutiny.

April 25, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: HCF

RE: Letter from C. H. Parrish

It seems to me that C. H. is merely recording anxiety which has some basis but probably not as much as he thinks. From my point of view, the answer is that we agree on the need for steadfast adherence to the 1951 policy statement, that the way to do this is through our continuous work with the State groups, and that central policy continues to be to do it.

April 25, 1956

Mr. Henry M. Bain, Jr.
4117 Leland Street
Chevy Chase 15, Maryland

Dear Mr. Bain:

Fred Routh tells me that you are interested in obtaining background information on the Southern Regional Council.

As it happens, we are in the process of drafting a brief sketch in either mimeograph or printed form. Meanwhile, I send you a typewritten copy of the account, still in draft form. Of course, there is a great deal of historical material on the Council and its predecessor organization which I cannot do justice to by mail. If you have specific questions that we might answer, send them along and I will give you an answer.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
enc.

April 25, 1956

Mr. Opie L. Shelton
Executive Vice President
Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 1868
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Mr. Shelton:

I don't want to fail to thank you for your prompt and favorable reply to my request for permission to publish your paper. I certainly understand your wish to see the address published in full and would want to do so in any case. We shall promptly send you copies of the issue in which it appears.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 25, 1956

Mr. Arthur Morse
Columbia Broadcasting System
485 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Arthur:

Just a note to say that I was as impressed as you said I would be by the first of the two programs on Africa. Murrow, Friendly and Company deserve the highest praise.

I'm glad we had a chance to talk the other day, and I'm looking forward to seeing you on my next trip northward. The joint is jumping so down here that I haven't been able to schedule it, but hope it will be soon.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 26, 1956

Mrs. Melvin E. Cornilland
104 Vine Street
Paducah, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Cornilland:

Last year your calendar was already full before you received the notice about our South-wide meeting of Churchwoman's organization to face the Supreme Court decision. Now we are planning a Fall meeting. Won't you please give me two or three dates in September or early October on which you could leave your regular work for two days in Atlanta and share with us your wisdom and direction in a meeting of Southwide leaders of the various denominations? We believe this meeting is absolutely necessary and we want you to know that we most greatly need you to be with us.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

April 26, 1956

Mrs. Duvall Chambers
3517 Deverus Road
Columbia, South Carolina

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Sincerely,

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Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

April 26, 1956

Mr. B. Bernarr Vance
5 Treasure Lane
St. Petersburg 6, Florida

Dear Mr. Vance:

Thank you for your letter of April 23rd. Mr. Mitchell is out of the city and will not be back in the office until Monday morning, April 30th.

Meanwhile I send you a Florida Council on Human Relations' leaflet from which you can get their purpose, method, policy, and also a list of their Executive Committee. For further information about the Florida Council you might write to Mr. William K. Williams the Executive Director, or Mr. Howard D. Roberts the Associate Executive Director, at 324 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach. Their telephone number is CLinton 3-7072.

Mr. Mitchell will be writing you shortly concerning your request for information on the Southern Regional Council's activities in the area of race relations.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Mr. George S. Mitchell

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Encl. Fehr promotion leaflet

February 26, 1956

Mr. Carey E. Haigler, Director
Region V - AFL and CIO
1106 Independence Building
Charlotte 2, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Haigler:

Thanks so much for your prompt response to my inquiry about desegregation in the labor unions. I realize that the kind of thing we are looking for is very hard to pin down, and I appreciate your giving it your attention.

I have often heard George Mitchell speak of you and I know he would want me to convey his best regards along with mine.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 26, 1956

Mr. Joseph P. Lyford
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

Thanks for your kind words about the latest New South. I am sending off thirty copies to you today and we are resolved to not ever split any more infinitives.

While I was dictating this, your letter enclosing the Loth release arrived. I think it is fine and have no changes to suggest. There is no reason why it should not be given publicity in the South; the simplest way would be through the wire services, though it might help to send it to some selected editors as well.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
enc.

April 26, 1956

Mr. David Loth
Hudson Terrace
Piermont, New York

Dear Dave:

Thanks for your letter.

I'm in exactly the same boat with respect to the deadline. As we entered the last phase of the project, we found that our research through central sources had left some fairly wide gaps in our findings, and we are now waiting for some further inquiries to bear results. I estimate that these last-gasp efforts will carry us ten days to two weeks over the deadline.

I am trying to work out a trip northward, either to New York or Washington. As soon as I can pin down a definite date, I will be in touch with you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 26, 1956

Mr. Sylvan Meyer
The Daily Times
Gainesville, Ga.

Dear Sylvan:

I like what I read about your remarks at the ASNE meeting. Enclosed is a copy of an editorial from the Norfolk Journal and Guide (a Negro owned newspaper) commenting favorably on your talk.

Have you made any further progress toward wrapping up your ideas for a magazine article? I hope you won't let that idea get derailed, and I would like to be of some help if I can.

All the best to you and Ann.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
enc.

April 26, 1956

Mr. J. Oscar Lee, Executive Director
National Council of the Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Lee:

Following my conversation with you when I was in New York a few days ago about a leaflet to counteract the interpretation of the Citizens' Councils for using of the Bible. Listing these:

1. God cursing Ham and making him a servant of all men.
2. "Establishing the boundary of habitation."
3. Ezra's returning to Babylon and breaking up the family where there had been intermarriage.
4. God's sanctioning Abraham, conceding to jealous Sarah's petition in sending Hagar and Ishmael out from the household.

In our discussion we did agree such a leaflet to be effective, should be issued by the Church and not by the Southern Regional Council. I hope you have continued your thinking about it and have some ideas as to where the money will be found for very general distribution.

I want to thank you for the time you gave me from your busy day.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

April 26, 1956

Miss Esther C. Stamats, Director
Christian Social Relations
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

Please keep in mind the South-wide meeting of Church women we must have this Fall. I have written to Thelma for possible dates.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

April 26, 1956

Miss Thelma Stevens, Executive Secretary
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

I know you are in Minneapolis, but I am not sure what hotel so I am sending this to your office and hoping it will be forwarded to you.

It is absolutely necessary that we have a South-wide meeting of the Churchwoman's leadership as we did last year. Before you get your calendar filled up let me know two or three possible dates in September or early October. I am sure you know the importance of this and I hope you will give it priority on your calendar. I will not make any definite arrangements until I hear from you. The report of the overseas trip will tie in very definitely with this program. In fact I think you ought to have the evening hour.

I suppose you knew we followed up the South-wide meeting with State meetings and several of the State meetings have been held again this year. If you can possibly do so I wish you would give me open dates before you leave Minneapolis.

I hope you know something about the agony of the South right now and also of the courage that has been shown by Church women in spite of the silence of the overall Southern Churches. Please know that we need you more than any other call that will come to you.

With love and best wishes,

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

April 26, 1956

Mrs. William McMurry
600 North 20th Street
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mrs. McMurry:

Last year we had a meeting of the women leaders of the various denominations in the South, facing the Supreme Court decision. Mrs. Martin found it impossible to be with us and suggested that next time we contact you as she herself found it so often that she had other committments. We are planning such a meeting in September or early October and we will need you. Would you be so good as to give us two or three open dates in these months? We are writing this same letter to two or three other South-wide leaders before a date is permanently set.

Under separate cover I am sending you the Gleanings from the conference we had last year.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET: mef

April 27, 1956

Rev. John Fuller
First Unitarian Church
Central at Rosalind
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mr. Fuller:

When I was with you and your group in Orlando in January there was some discussion of a survey of the Negro community as to whether the Negroes of Orlando really were in favor of the Supreme Court decision. I am enclosing a copy of a quiz. I wonder if this would supply your need. If so, you are at liberty to copy it.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

Encls.

April 27, 1956

Mrs. Earl P. Andrews
3135 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

Ever since I was in Montgomery I have wanted to write to you and tell you what a wonderful meeting you had and how splendid you were through it all. I regret I did not get copies of the speeches. I think I told you I could have copies made for all of you. If that is still possible and you have other notes on the meeting I would be more than glad to have the copies made and use some of them myself in other States. I am enclosing the Gleanings from the workshop.

I would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

Copy: Bill Williams

April 27, 1956

Mr. George Adley
1255½ Fifth Street
Sarasota, Florida

Dear George:

Beth Friedman tells me you are interested in the Florida Council on Human Relations and that you are associated with a local inter-racial group. I think it would be helpful to your group to be an affiliate of the Florida Council and I know it would be helpful to them.

I am enclosing a packet of material put out by the Southern Regional Council, the parent organization of the Florida Council on Human Relations. I have also taken the liberty of writing our State staff, Bill Williams and Howard Roberts, about your group. As a Floridian, I wish you every success in bringing together people who are concerned with the democratic future of our State and region.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 27, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

My secretary, Beth Friedman, has run across a group in the fair city of Sarasota which is inter-racial in character and interested in becoming a local chapter or affiliate of the Florida Council (actually there are two groups, both inter-racial in character). They could probably be unified into one local chapter with little effort on your and Howard's part. The contact person is:

Mr. George Adley
1255½ Fifth Street
Sarasota

I think it would be wise to drop them a note and get in touch with them as rapidly as possible and add to your growing list of locals and swell your ranks of members.

Best regards to both of you,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 27, 1956

Mrs. S. D. Harvey, Executive Secretary
Winston-Salem Urban League
210 W. Fourth Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Harvey:

Thank you for your recent letter. Would it be possible for you to tell us with what firms, in what positions, and when private employment gains were made in Winston-Salem? If you think we should not specifically identify the cases, we will merely use them in a statistical summary.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 27, 1956

Mr. J. R. Larkins
North Carolina Dept. of Public Welfare
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Larkins:

Thank you for your letter on desegregation in North Carolina. It is helpful to have this information in our files though some of it does not relate to our present survey.

I'm personally curious about the enrollee at University of North Carolina's School of Social Work. Is he an A & T graduate, Daniel Lanier?

All goes well with the Council.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 27, 1956

Mr. William T. Stansbury
Racial Relations Officer
Federal Housing Administration
42 South 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Mr. Stansbury:

Thank you for your letter on open occupancy in your area. The information will be of great assistance in our survey.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 27, 1956

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr.
Baltimore
Maryland

Dear Mayor D'Alesandro:

Thank you for your letter of April 17th containing information on your appointment of Negroes in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 27, 1956

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
of New York, Inc.
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hunton:

Thank you for your letter of April 19th. Mr. Loth is surveying the non-southern states while SRC is surveying the southern and border states. However, if your office has given him information for the southern states, we are certain he will share that with us.

We will also contact Dr. O'Connor in accordance with your suggestion.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 27, 1956

Miss Arden J. Curry
Executive Assistant
State of West Virginia Executive Department
Charleston 5, West Virginia

Dear Miss Curry:

Thank you for your recent letter on appointment of Negroes in West Virginia. The information will be of great assistance in our survey.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 27, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 W. 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Kloppe:

Your letter on Texas desegregation indicates that you had requested a report from the AFL-CIO. Please let us know if you have been able or expect to get this report.

We have had to extend our deadline and
reasonably
personally hope we can get all material by May 11th.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 27, 1956

Mrs. Horton W. Smith, President
League of Women Voters of Texas
1007 West 24th Street
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of April 13th.

We certainly do not wish to spotlight the presence of Negroes in local leagues if that would disturb a normal situation. However, if we could learn the number of Leagues in Texas which Negroes have joined since May 1954, that would be helpful. We have received information on Negro membership in several Southern states. One of these have requested that we do not identify the specific leagues.

We would appreciate additional information on Texas Leagues and will treat confidentially any information you believe should not be publicized.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI:o

April 27, 1956

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206 Moore Building
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

As we discussed on the phone sometime back, I am sending you separately 300 copies of the reprint of Thrasher's article in The Reporter. Keep in mind that the reprint will be inserted with New South next month, so you should use it with people other than your members.

You will note right away that the reprints have Reporter promotion material folded with them. We got them free on this basis. Therefore I hope you will suppress your anti-commercial instincts and circulate the commercial husk along with the real meat.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 27, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Thanks for sending me the correspondence concerning Robert Du Four Barnes. He seems to have had quite a raw deal, and if we had any appropriate openings, I would be glad to open negotiations with him. As of now, however, we have a full complement (salary wise!) in the information and public relations work.

I will pass the correspondence on to George Mitchell and Fred Routh for any suggestions that they may be able to turn up.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 27, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
1820 Jefferson Place N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Thanks for your letter of April 24th.

I certainly want to do anything I can under our information program to document the role of Citizens Councils and related groups in respect to organized labor. There are two problems. First we are pushing several major projects - a southwide study of the right to vote, a southwide survey of desegregation since the Supreme Court's 1954 ruling, and tentatively a quick analysis of southern industrialization and its implications for human rights; in short, I'm running something of a hotbox. Secondly, I'm not quite sure how we can best get hold of the problem. We have had occasion recently to help AFL-CIO people with their own fact gathering on the resistence movements. Would you know what the exact nature and extent of this investigation is? I haven't quite figured out what we can do that can not be better done through union channels if the unions are really pushing it. I would welcome your suggestions on this.

It may be that the young man from Amherst could help meet this problem. He might spend a month under the sponsorship of the Textile Union and a second month working with us on the relationship between the pro-segregation groups and the anti labor forces. Certainly as an extra hand for free, he could be helpful to us, mostly working in the field, I should think. In any case, I will discuss this with George Mitchell and write you further about it.

Let me repeat that we are trying to think through ways to be useful at a time when the high pitch of activity makes it difficult to think at all so your ideas and recommendations will be extraordinarily helpful.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 27, 1956

Dr. Alexander Heard
Department of Political Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Alex:

Nick Demerath wrote me that he has discussed with you our prospective study of Negro suffrage in the South. I'm sorry to learn from Nick that you are too busy to give us some advisory hand, though I can't say that I didn't fear that would be the case.

Nevertheless, I'm going to be brassy enough to make one small request of you. Would you take a few minutes to look over the enclosed outline and then, at a convenient moment, call me collect at Walnut 7963 or Walnut 1821 with any off-the-top advice that occurs to you.

My present plan, somewhat modified since Nick was here, is to finger out an appropriate person in each state to direct the fact-finding in his particular state. Correlation of the voting figures with other data and survey existing literature will be handled centrally by this office. And when the state reports are in (hopefully within about three months), we will synthesize the several reports into a single regional analysis. This is to be a very quick and very action minded job - more journalistic than academic in orientation - but we want it to be as sound and as useful to research proper as possible within its limits.

I will deeply appreciate your giving this request the small amount of time it calls for. I wouldn't ask it of you if I didn't feel your advice more valuable than that of almost anybody else.

With best regards to you from all of us here,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
enc.

April 27, 1956

Circulation Department
New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

We understand that copies of your special report on the South from the issue of March 13th are available at 5¢ per copy.

Kindly send us 500 copies, if they are available. The bill should be addressed to me at this office and will be promptly attended to.

I would appreciate your prompt attention to this order.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 27, 1956

Mr. N. J. Demerath
Research Professor and Chairman, ORG
Box 630
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Nick:

Your thoughtful letter dated April 19th and the IRSS study have been very helpful to me and I am most appreciative.

I have revised the outline as enclosed, following your suggestion that statistical analysis and correlations might best be done centrally and incorporating one or two other changes.

The meeting of the Southern Sociological Society did not yield the hoped-for conference. The schedule was too full and people were too hard to find and coordinate. I did hold some useful individual discussions, which have helped me think through some of the problems of mechanics. I haven't moved yet, for several reasons. Mainly, further conference and reflection has about convinced me that we had better proceed with the voting study as a separate and distinct project, rather than try to set up a structure for the long pull. It looks more and more as though some of our fact-finding projects will be farmed out studies for which the Senior Consultant structure would not be appropriate. That, plus the difficulty of combining states meaningfully under one coordinator, suggests that we would do better to keep more responsibility here in the central office. All in all, I think we will proceed with something of a compromise between the Senior Consultant's plan and the state by state plan.

Having got this far in my thinking, I'm sending Alex Heard a copy of the outline and asking him if he will be kind enough to look it over and then call me collect. I will let you know about further developments.

Incidentally, I have been talking with Phil Hammer about a quick survey of the pattern of Southern industrialization and its implications for our field of interest. I think we can do something worth while along these lines.

I would welcome a chance to discuss all this with you in more detail.

Perhaps we will have a chance soon, by telephone or otherwise. Meanwhile all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

P. S. The offspring did arrive in the form of a young male whom we have saddled with the name Anthony. So far he accepts life fairly philosophically.

April 27, 1956

Mr. Arthur S. Kling
2910 West Jefferson
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Kling:

Dr. C. H. Parrish has passed on to me the list of State Presidents and officers of the National Council of Jewish Women with which you provided him.

This will be of great help to us and to our State organizations for these are key people, most of whom will have a liberal outlook and we will mail them some literature regarding the Southern Regional Council and our State organizations. Thank you once more for your service.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 27, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kohn
3744 Mountain Park Drive
Birmingham 9, Alabama

Dear Sylvia and Joe:

It was really delightful to see you again after five years. I certainly appreciate your hospitality and only wish I might have had longer to spend with you. Certainly the next time I am in Birmingham I will get in touch with you and hope it is possible for us to get together. Your recent trip to Europe and around the world must have been an exsiting adventure and as you said it is the sort of thing that makes one take a firsthand interest in events that take place in the far corners of the world.

I very much enjoyed the chance to be with Dora Sterne's group. It was a real pleasure to talk to a group which was willing to hear the truth even though the truth was not the most pleasant thing to some of the individuals in attendance. I felt, however, that the majority recognised the validity of the Supreme Court decisions and the inevitability of desegregation.

Best regards to the two of you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 27, 1956

Mrs. Mervyn H. Sterne
Box 616, Route 2
Birmingham 9, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Sterne:

It was a real pleasure to come to Birmingham and talk to your A.A.U.W. Social Studies Committee. I fully enjoyed the opportunity and wish to thank you for your generosity, for the good fellowship, for the fine supper, and for the honorarium. Our Secretary-Treasurer will send you a receipt for the latter and please accept this letter as a receipt for the former.

Sylvia and Joe Kohn were certainly kind to chauffeur me about and I much appreciate their thoughfulness and consideration.

I think that it was much worthwhile for your group to hear the position of the Southern Regional Council on what is probably the most crucial issue of our time. I did not expect unanimous agreement with what I had to say. But it is important for the truth to be said nevertheless. It was my feeling that the majority of the group agreed in varying degrees with the proposition that the Supreme Court decision was right and that integration was inevitable. I believe most of us who work in this field recognize the seriousness of difficulties in certain areas of the South but feel that the region must act in accord with law and order.

My congratulations to you and your group for the series of lectures which you have had this year. I was much interested in what Dr. Farmer had to say.

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Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

April 30, 1956

(Addressed to 89 individual Business Managers of Baseball Clubs)

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may eventually be published jointly. All of the areas on the enclosed sheet are being surveyed, and no one area will be given greater prominence than another in our report.

We want to get together as accurate a picture as we can of whatever progress toward integration has occurred in the baseball field since May 1954.

We would like to know if your team has ever included Negro players; and if so, when? Is the team still integrated? If not, does the club policy still allow for a Negro player if a capable one is available?

Anything you send us will not be publicly attributed to you as official information but will be described simply as findings from baseball officials.

We will appreciate any consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:o

April 30, 1956

Mr. Stanton L. Wormley
Acting Director
The Summer School
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wormley:

I am warmly appreciative of being asked back for this Summer's Seminar. Unfortunately I have laid aside June to be my vacation, and I am just not doing anything in that most pleasant month

I shall miss your excellent group at Howard.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1956

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
15 East Eighty-Fourth Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to be in New York with your group. I am grateful for the meeting and for the expense check which came in today.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1956

Mrs. L. D. Norman
7407 Melrose Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Norman:

I send in the form that was sent to me with the following answers:

(1) Atlanta Journal, Atlanta Constitution, and Atlanta Daily World. It is most unlikely that the course of progress in the South would be advanced by news releases from your meeting to the Atlanta papers.

(2) AP, UP, INS, and ANP all have services in or from Atlanta. But I would not advise you to disturb their slumbers in this matter.

(3) Biographical sketch herewith. Mat herewith.

(4) Mitchell will make an altered form of the address given last year before the National Conference of Social Work in San Francisco. Copy herewith. Advise that you attempt a summary for any needed news release.

(5) I would not advise that you "angle" into the Southern papers anything about the speech.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.: 3

April 30, 1956

Mrs. Margaret W. Dagen
114 S. Bemiston
Clayton 5, Missouri

Dear Margaret:

You did just what I hoped you would, and I am grateful and not frightened.

I expect to arrive via Eastern Air Lines' Flight #272 which gets into St. Louis at 10:29 p.m., and shall repair to the Melbourne Hotel which has promised me a room for the night of the 17th.

I think 8:30 in the morning is too early to be doing the map speech.

Perfectly willing to do any interviewing you arrange at Washington University in the mid-morning of the 18th, but I don't want to make engagements as long ahead as 1957.

The luncheon I am stuck with and shall go through with.

The KETC man wrote me and asked me to sign up for Friday evening and I am saying that I cannot.

Why not arrange for me to see some other union guy close to Gibbons who would tell the deal to Gibbons?

I continue to give you carte blanche with my schedule. Only allow me plenty of time for the settlement people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

April 30, 1956

Mr. George Guernsey
11002 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

Fine. And I will be in Washington available to you on May 24th. Shall set aside the luncheon period for whatever you may wish.

Cheerful about coming to Montgomery County for the evening meeting on the 24th. But I have to be clean down in Charlottesville next morning earlyish, and you know I wag my head after 8:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1956

Dr. Myron Lieberman
Chairman, Planning Committee
Conference Human Relations Education
University of Oklahoma
College of Education
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Dr. Lieberman:

I don't see any way for us way over here in Atlanta to get to your June 15-16 meeting at Norman.

But if you will write to our office nearest to you at Little Rock, Arkansas they quite possibly would fetch themselves over. Address it to Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director, Arkansas Council on Human Relations, 211 Izard Street, Little Rock.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/b ab

April 30, 1956

Mr. Harry L. Golden
P. O. Box 2505
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

If ever there was a piece of country in which the principalities of darkness were contending with the forces of religion, it is in these Southern states today. And so far the powers of darkness are making the most noise. It is time and past time for religion to be heard and seen.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1956

Mr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent:

We are deeply grateful to you for your kind check for $50.00.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab
Encl. - SRC official receipt $50.00

April 30, 1956

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
The Oratory
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

I know you had many another place where that precious $100 could have been put, and I am grateful for its coming to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC Official Receipt $100

April 30, 1956

Mrs. Eugenia Porter Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send Mr. Clement for us that whole whopping fifty dollars. We are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $50.00

April 30, 1956

Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Carter:

You are the biggest bargain we have as a member of the Executive Committee. We would cheerfully pay to fetch you over for every meeting. And when you come you so often -- too often -- make the trip a complete gift to the Council.

We are unendingly grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/esb
Encl. SRC official receipt $110

April 30, 1956

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

I'm glad you think the April New South worth distributing to your staff. I'm sending separately a dozen copies for that purpose.

I'm also glad to have your suggestion that Business Week and the Shelton speech be distributed by the Southern Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. We will see what can be done but I am not too hopeful about this or other Southern business groups distributing material of this kind. Their disposition is to deny the whole problem and to close their eyes in the hope that it will go away. Until they get alarmed enough to do something, I'm afraid organizations like ours will have to do most of the distributing. However, I will let you know if we have any luck.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

AIRMAIL April 30, 1956

Mr. Odom Fanning
5640 Oak Street
Kansas City 13, Mo.

Dear Odom:

It was good to talk with you, and I hasten to send you the dope about our desegregation survey. I think this should answer any questions that I slighted in our conversation. I appreciate your taking time out in such a busy period (domestically and professionally) to help us locate somebody who can close the gap.

I'll look forward to a call from you. Meanwhile the very best to you, Elaine and Carol.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
encs.

AIRMAIL April 30, 1956

Mr. George K. Hunton
Interracial Review
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

I finally reached Arthur Miller today. He was pleased to know of your interest in his letter to the New York Times, and he is perfectly willing to develop his thesis more fully for you and for us. He is doing a full dress treatment for the Emory Law Review, but assumes that you would like something briefer and more popular.

He asks that you drop him a note telling him about what length article you would like, giving him any suggestions you wish about the sort of article that would be most helpful, and perhaps enclosing a copy of your publication for his guidance.

Let me make it clear that he is most agreeable to doing the job. I thought it best to give you a chance to write him what would serve your purposes best. We will be beneficiaries of whatever comes out.

Best regards from all of us here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

April 30, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Hollis Price
President
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Price:

I am only back this morning to arrangements about the Memphis trip.

Shall come over on Eastern Air Lines' Flight #587, arriving at the Memphis airport at 10:10 p.m., and shall then repair to your house. Sorry it is thus likely to be elevenish when I show. But I am on the waiting list for an earlier plane getting into Memphis at 7:06 p.m., and it is quite possible that I will appear at a respectable hour.

My office talked to your people this morning, and on assurance from your people that the meeting would end about 3:00 p.m., I have booked back on the one workable weekend plane the 4:35 p.m. Saturday flight from Memphis to Atlanta. Would like to make it but recognize as my first obligation perfectly to serve you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1956

Miss Muriel S. Outlaw
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Miss Outlaw:

Thank you for your letter of April 24th. We've extended the deadline for our project and would be glad to receive information from Mr. Hill upon his return.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

April 30, 1956

Miss Julia Baxter
Director of Research, NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Baxter:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both reports may be published jointly.

Some of the NAACP field personnel have told us that most of the NAACP records on desegregation would be in the New York office. We are fairly familiar with the school situation, but feel there must be specific instances of desegregation in each of the other areas that we are not yet aware of. Our only contact in the National NAACP office has been with Mr. Hill, whose secretary said he would probably write us upon his return to New York.

Could you give us information on integration since May 1954 in fields other than education? Has the NAACP fairly extensive information on integration in the Southern, as well as the border states? If listing individual cases is too huge a clerical job, would you permit one of our employees to record this information? We would appreciate any assistance you could give us in this project.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

Copy: Ed Howden

April 30, 1956

Mr. Eason Monroe, Executive Director
Southern California Branch
American Civil Liberties Union
5927 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles 28, California

Dear Mr. Monroe:

I have received your letter regarding my trip to the West Coast and the speaking engagements in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino. I will be pleased to fill these engagements and will reach Los Angeles not later than 4:00 the 23rd, as you suggest. I will send you later this week a mat of myself, some biographical information, and some material concerning the Southern Regional Council.

I think probably the best title for the talks I will give would be "Changing Patterns in the South" or, if you think it more exciting, "Desegregation comes to Dixie."

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

P. S. I would appreciate it if you could make hotel arrangements for me in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino.

April 30, 1956

Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby, Executive Secretary
Coordinating Council on Human Relations
City of Detroit
Commission on Community Relations
1106 Water Board Building
735 Randolph Street
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Beulah:

Have received your letter and wire and am looking forward to seeing you this Friday and Saturday.

Biographical material for introduction might include:

Reared Coral Gables, Florida
A.B., M.A., University of Miami (Florida)
Doctoral study, NYU
Professor of Human Relations, University of Miami (three years)
Summer teaching: NYU, University of London, Sorbonne, University of Heidelberg, University of Michigan.
Assistant Director, Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Georgia

I will stay out at my brother's house while I'm in Detroit and will thus save Alpha Kappa Alpha some money. I will call you when I get into town very probably Friday morning.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 30, 1956

Mr. Edward Howden, Executive Director
Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco
437 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Ed:

The trip to the West Coast is beginning to shape up nicely and I look forward to my trip out there. I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just written Eason Monroe, for your information. I will send you a mat and some biographical material and some further information on the Southern Regional Council the latter part of this week, too.

What do you want me to do about transportation out there? I have an air credit card and can get the ticket here and you could reimburse us, if that is more convenient. I would also like you to arrange for my transportation up and down the West Coast, if that is possible. I will probably stay with my cousin in San Francisco but would need hotel reservations down in the southern part of California. I have asked Mr. Monroe to arrange this for me. Please write and tell me further details about the proposed trip which I may need to adequately plan for effective use of my time.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef